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"WE SHALL FIND HIM."
"THE UNIVERSE IS IMMENSE, BUT OUR PROBES WILL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THE FUGITIVE, WHEREVER HE IS."
"NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE UNPUNISHED FROM..."
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"... CORONA!"

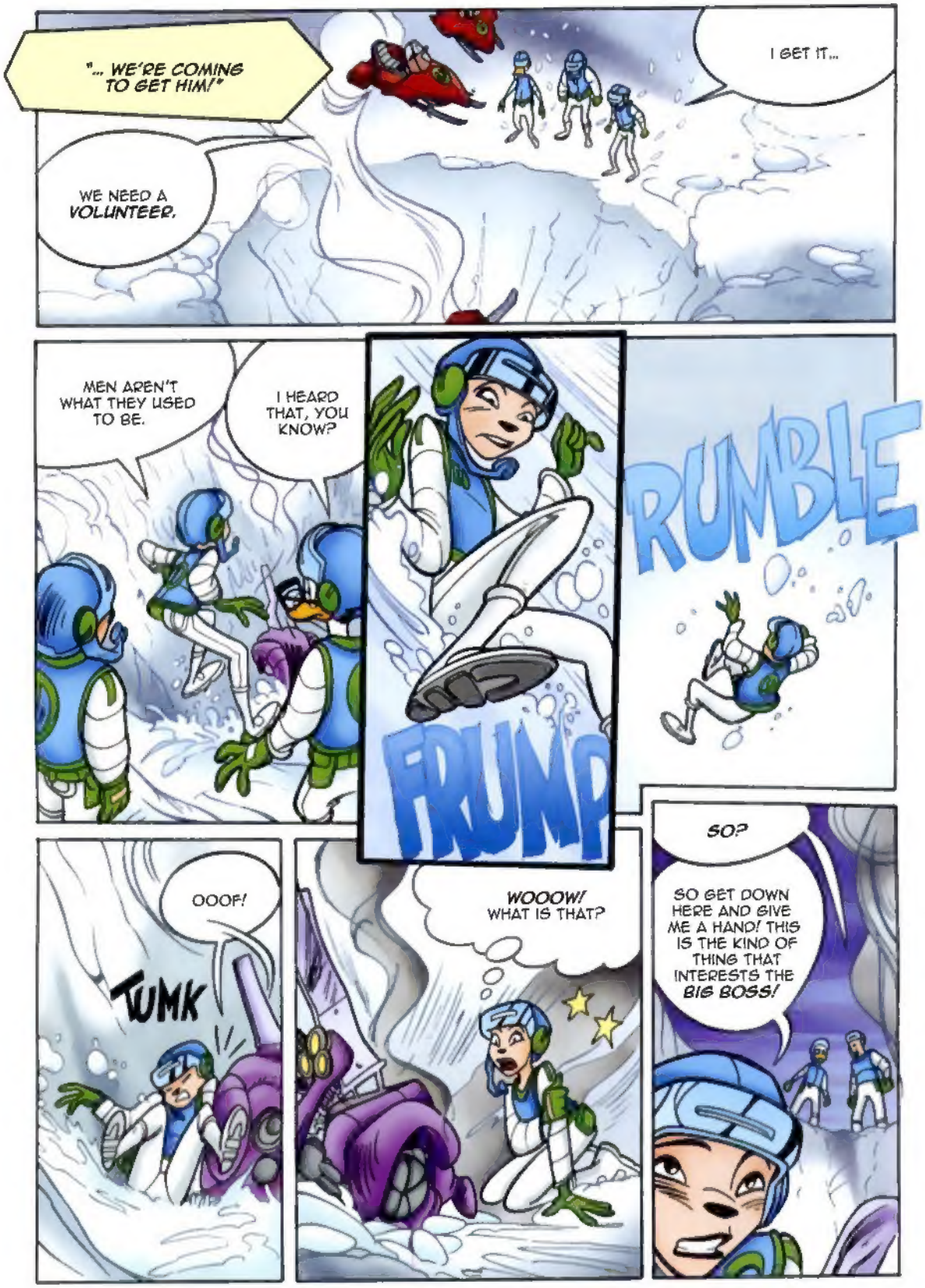
DID YOU SEE THAT, SIR?

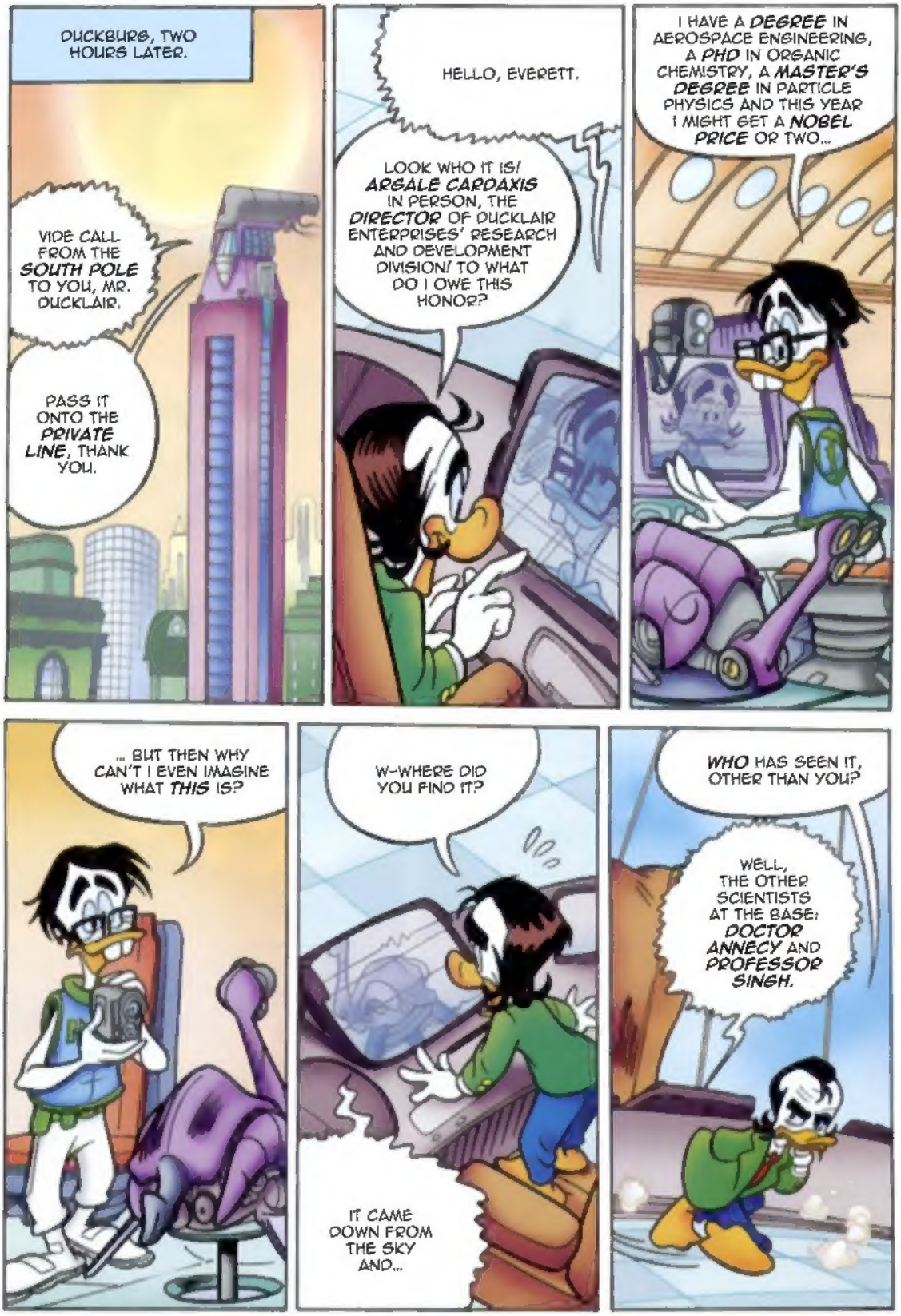
I SAW IT. A METEORITE, PROBABLY.
MORE STUDY MATERIALS! WE'LL HAVE TO WORK OVERTIME.

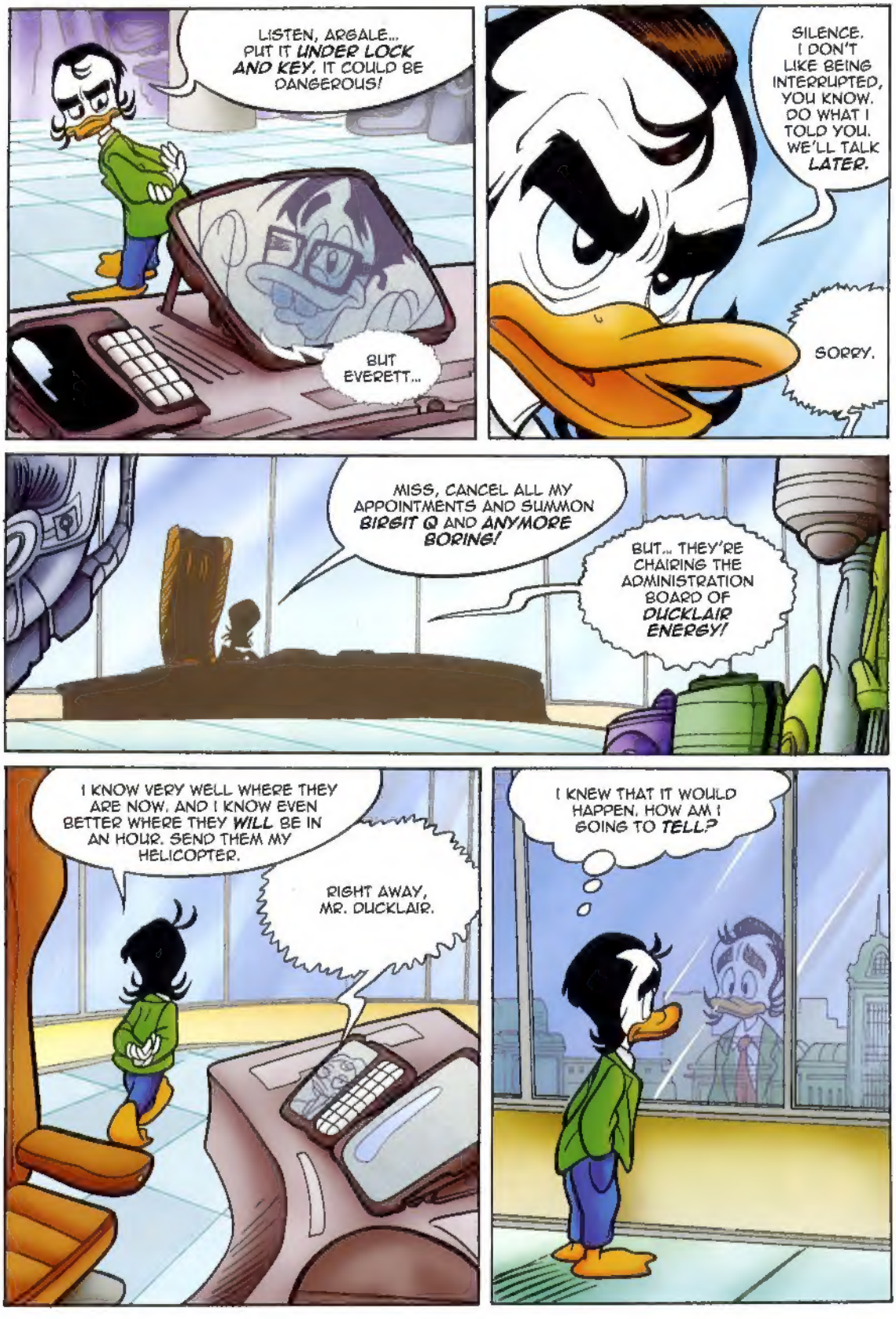
I THINK SO, GARY. LET'S GO RECOVER IT!

FIRST TRY TO PINPOINT WHERE IT FELL, SUZI.
ALREADY DONE!
WEEEP

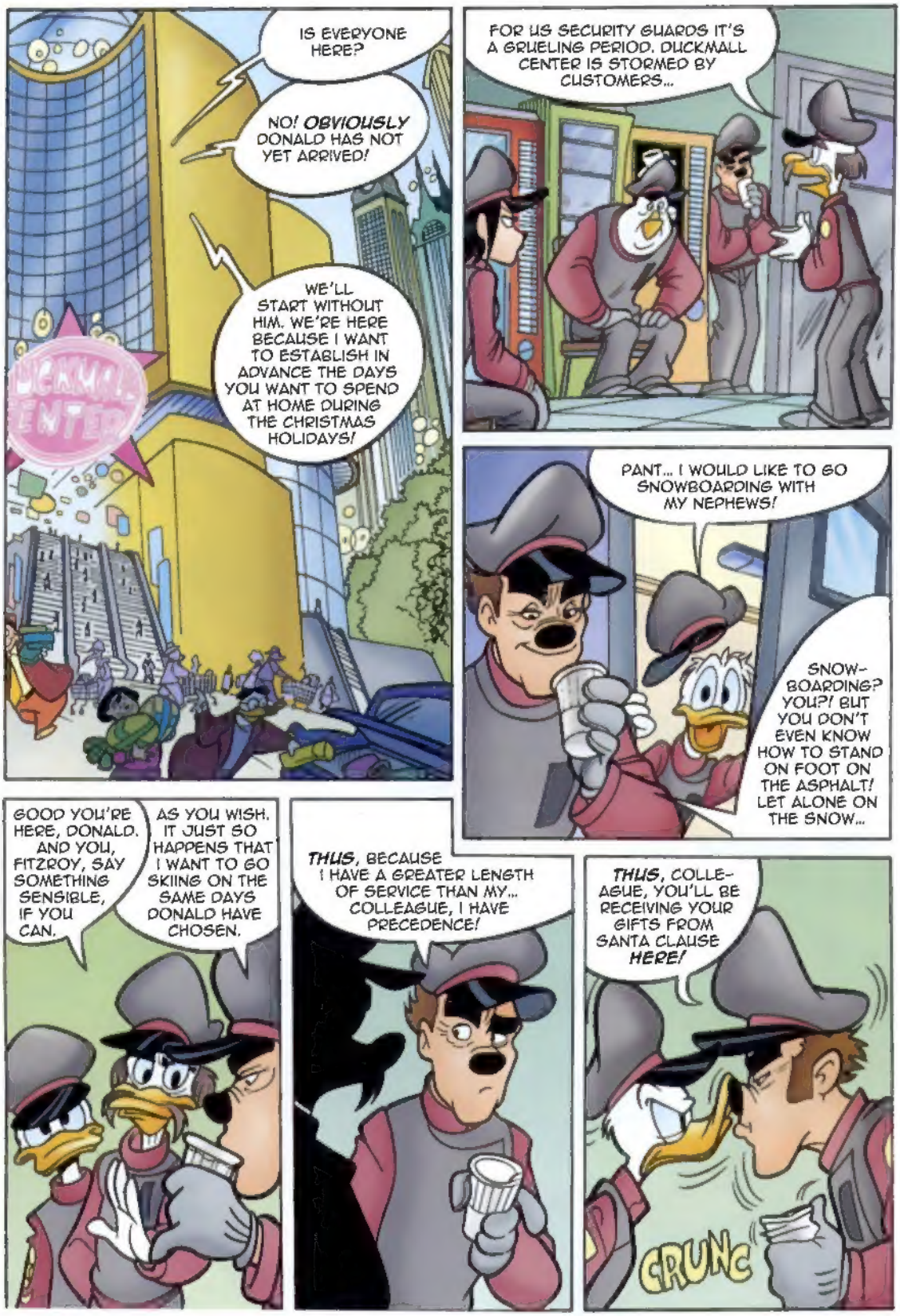
IT'S LOCATED THREE KILOMETERS *SOUTHEAST*, CLOSE TO THE BASE!
GOOD! EVERY NOW AND THEN, A LITTLE *LUCK* DOESN'T HURT.
MOVE IT, KIDS. I'M FREEZING!
"WHEN THE SUBJECT IS *IDENTIFIED*, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT IT WILL HAPPEN, HE WILL BE RENDERED HARMLESS."
ZOW
"RIGHT AFTER, THE POSITION OF THE PLACE WHERE HE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL THIS TIME WILL BE *INDICATED*. FINALLY..."
WOOOSH


"... WE'RE COMING TO GET HIM!"
I GET IT...
WE NEED A VOLUNTEER.
MEN AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.
I HEARD THAT, YOU KNOW?
FRUMP
RUMBLE
OOOF!
TUMK
WOOOW! WHAT IS THAT?
SO?
SO GET DOWN HERE AND GIVE ME A HAND! THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT INTERESTS THE BIG BOSS!


DUCKBURG, TWO HOURS LATER.
VIDE CALL FROM THE SOUTH POLE TO YOU, MR. DUCKLAIR.
PASS IT ONTO THE PRIVATE LINE, THANK YOU.
HELLO, EVERETT.
LOOK WHO IT IS! ARSALE CARDAXIS IN PERSON, THE DIRECTOR OF DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES' RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION! TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS HONOR?
I HAVE A DEGREE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, A PHD IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PARTICLE PHYSICS AND THIS YEAR I MIGHT GET A NOBEL PRICE OR TWO...
... BUT THEN WHY CAN'T I EVEN IMAGINE WHAT THIS IS?
W-WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?
IT CAME DOWN FROM THE SKY AND...
WHO HAS SEEN IT, OTHER THAN YOU?
WELL, THE OTHER SCIENTISTS AT THE BASE: DOCTOR ANNECY AND PROFESSOR SINGH.


LISTEN, ARGALE... PUT IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY, IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
BUT EVERETT...
SILENCE. I DON'T LIKE BEING INTERRUPTED, YOU KNOW. DO WHAT I TOLD YOU. WE'LL TALK LATER.
SORRY.
MISS, CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS AND SUMMON BIRGIT Q AND ANYMORE BORING!
BUT... THEY'RE CHAIRING THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD OF DUCKLAIR ENERGY!
I KNOW VERY WELL WHERE THEY ARE NOW, AND I KNOW EVEN BETTER WHERE THEY WILL BE IN AN HOUR. SEND THEM MY HELICOPTER.
RIGHT AWAY, MR. DUCKLAIR.
I KNEW THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN. HOW AM I GOING TO TELL?

WHY? WHY? WHY AM I ALWAYS LATE?
I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN THAT MORTIMER WANTED TO SEE EVERYONE BEFORE THE SHIFT STARTS!
SCREEEK
CLICK
I HATE GOING TO WORK WITH THE DUCKMOBILE. ALRIGHT, IT'S EASY TO PARK, BUT THERE'S THE RISK THAT SOMEONE SEES ME.
CLUNK TLACK
ABOVE ALL, HOWEVER, I RISK LEAVING IT THERE! IT'S ALMOST DRY...
CLANG
AND GETTING A FULL TANK OF MONOMETHYLHYDRAZINE ISN'T THAT EASY!

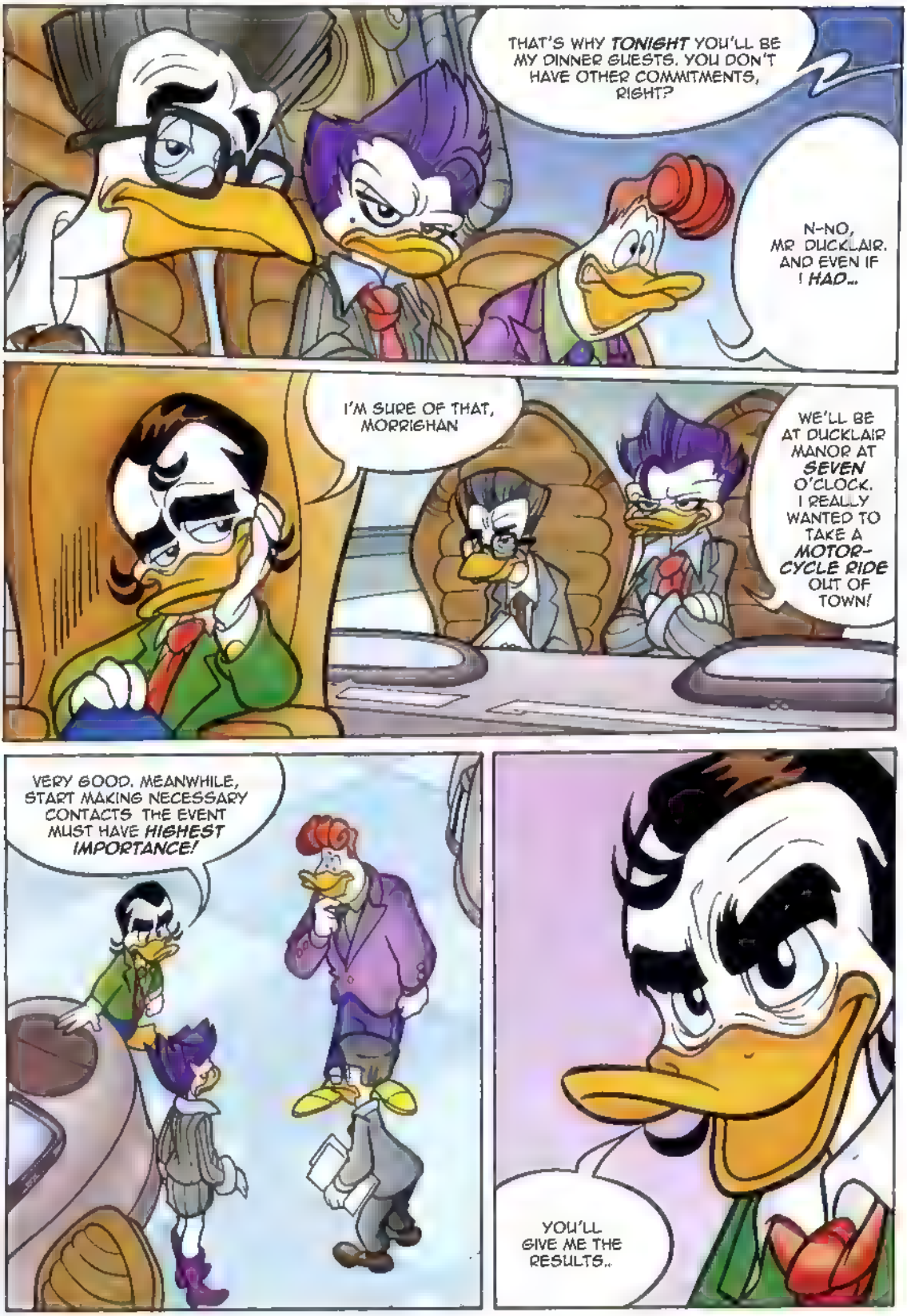

IS EVERYONE HERE?
NO! OBVIOUSLY DONALD HAS NOT YET ARRIVED!
WE'LL START WITHOUT HIM. WE'RE HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO ESTABLISH IN ADVANCE THE DAYS YOU WANT TO SPEND AT HOME DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
FOR US SECURITY GUARDS IT'S A GRUELING PERIOD. DUCKMALL CENTER IS STORMED BY CUSTOMERS...
PANT... I WOULD LIKE TO GO SNOWBOARDING WITH MY NEPHEWS!
SNOW-BOARDING? YOU?! BUT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO STAND ON FOOT ON THE ASPHALT! LET ALONE ON THE SNOW...
GOOD YOU'RE HERE, DONALD. AND YOU, FITZROY, SAY SOMETHING SENSIBLE, IF YOU CAN.
AS YOU WISH. IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I WANT TO GO SKIING ON THE SAME DAYS DONALD HAVE CHOSEN.
THUS, BECAUSE I HAVE A GREATER LENGTH OF SERVICE THAN MY... COLLEAGUE, I HAVE PRECEDENCE!
THUS, COLLEAGUE, YOU'LL BE RECEIVING YOUR GIFTS FROM SANTA CLAUSE HERE!
CRUNC

GRRR! !...
LET IT GO, DONALD!
YOU KNOW HOW HE IS. HE WANTS TO MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR PATIENCE!
PERSONNEL ONLY
YEAH, AND HE SUCCEEDED QUITE WELL!
YOU'LL SEE YOU'LL BE GOING ON VACATION WITH YOUR NEPHEWS AND YOU'LL HAVE FUN!
I HOPE SO! I WAS ABLE TO SAVE SOME MONEY AND...
FIRST, HOWEVER, I SHOULD ALSO DO A LITTLE PRE-SKI EXERCISE.
HERE AT DUCKMALL THERE'S A GREAT FITNESS CENTER. YOU COULD SIGN UP THERE!

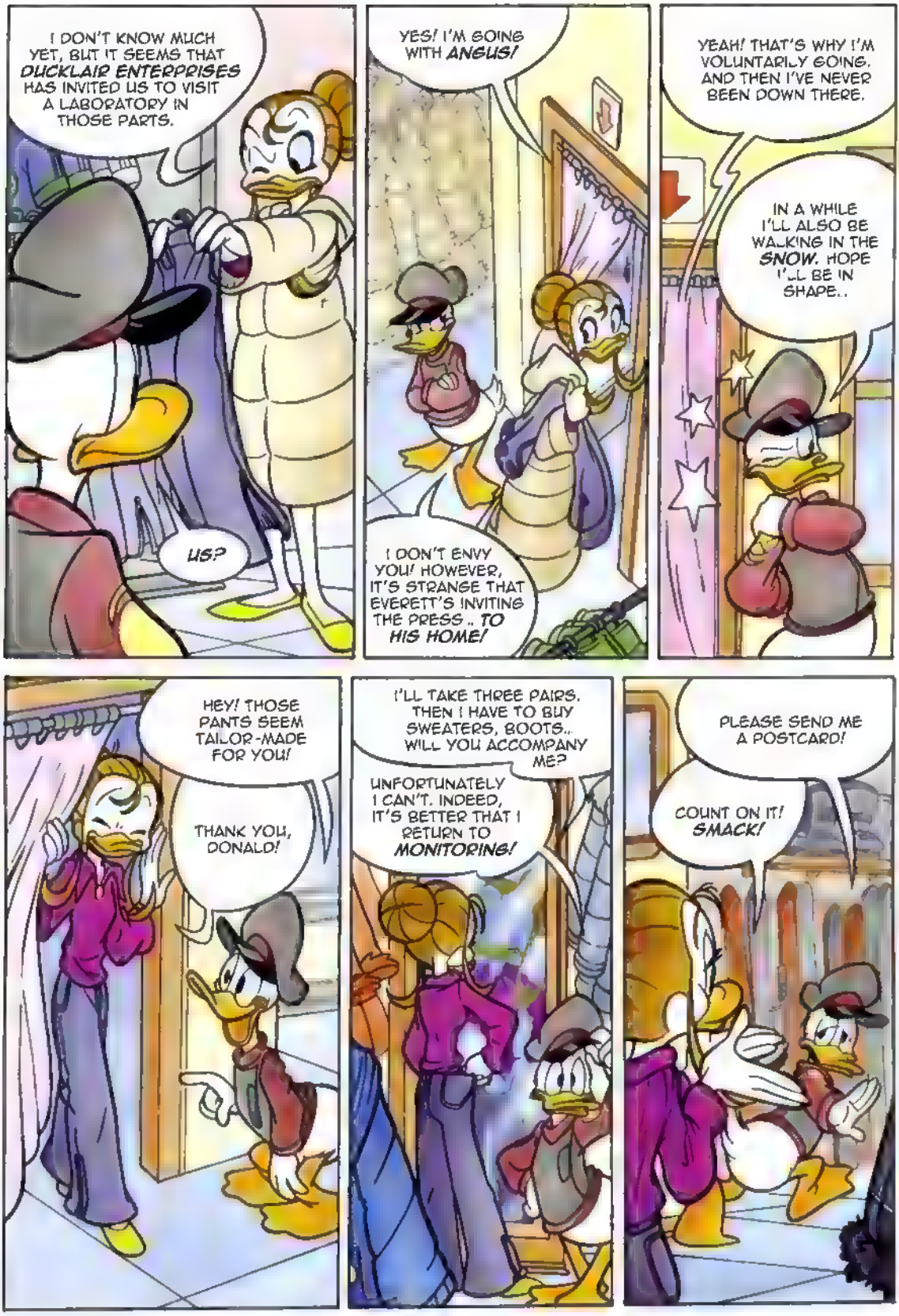
GREAT IDEA, RUPERT! I SEE MYSELF HOVERING ON THE SLOPES OF QUACKSPEN!
BLEEEEP
BLEEEEP
I HURL DOWN THE STEEPEST TRAIL AND THE KIDS WILL STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH ME!
TABLE TOP! DOUBLE GRAB! BENDING-STRETCHING! BENDING-STRETCHING!
HA HA!
BEND! .. OUCH!
DONALD!
CROCK

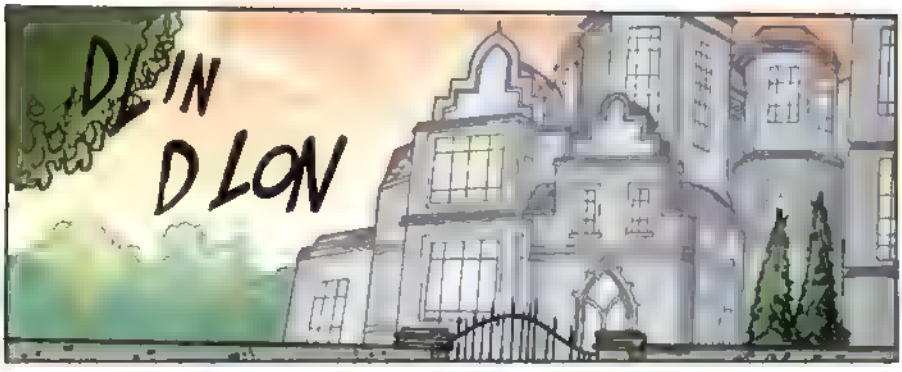
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT, PAL?
I FEEL... FANTASTIC! URGH ..
HE HE! THE GREAT ATHLETE SEEMS TO BE STRUGGLING! HEAR ME OUT: SPEND CHRISTMAS AT WORK!
BAH!
AND YOU ALREADY HAVE PLANS, RUPERT?
MORE OR LESS...
LET ME GUESS... STELLA!
EHEM... YES! WE'LL HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER TOGETHER. THEN OPEN PRESENTS AND ..
.. AND OUTSIDE IT'S STILL THIRTY DEGREES! MOVE IT, DREAMERS!
CAN YOU MAKE IT, DONALD?
I THINK SO, TEMPEST!
OR AT LEAST I'LL TRY.

I WANT THE *IMAGE* OF DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES TO BE UNASSAILABLE.
FOR THIS, A FEW *SELECTED JOURNALISTS* WILL HAVE FREE ACCESS TO MY MOST ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTER
YOU'RE REFERRING TO..
EXACTLY, BIRSIT.
... LET ME REMIND YOU, MR. DUCKLAIR, THAT IT'S NOT THE *BEST SEASON* TO GO TO THOSE LATITUDES...
ANYMORE? TELL ME SOMETHING *I DON'T KNOW!*
YOU, MY *CLOSEST COLLABORATORS*, RECEIVE LARGE SALARIES BY REALIZING MY DESIRES.

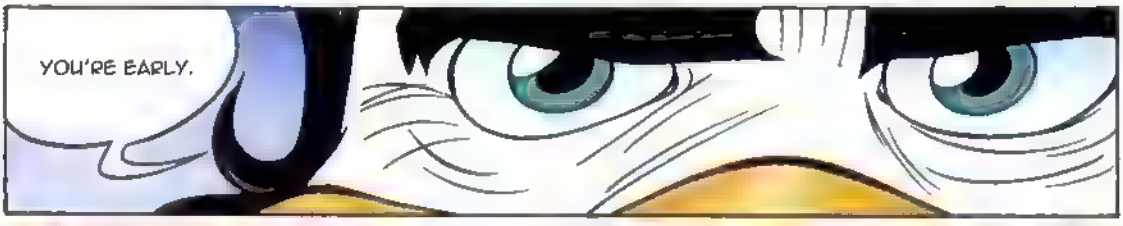

THAT'S WHY *TONIGHT* YOU'LL BE MY DINNER GUESTS. YOU DON'T HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS, RIGHT?
N-NO, MR DUCKLAIR. AND EVEN IF I *HAD*...
I'M SURE OF THAT, MORRIGHAN
WE'LL BE AT DUCKLAIR MANOR AT *SEVEN* O'CLOCK. I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE A *MOTOR-CYCLE RIDE* OUT OF TOWN!
VERY GOOD. MEANWHILE, START MAKING NECESSARY CONTACTS THE EVENT MUST HAVE *HIGHEST IMPORTANCE!*
YOU'LL GIVE ME THE RESULTS..

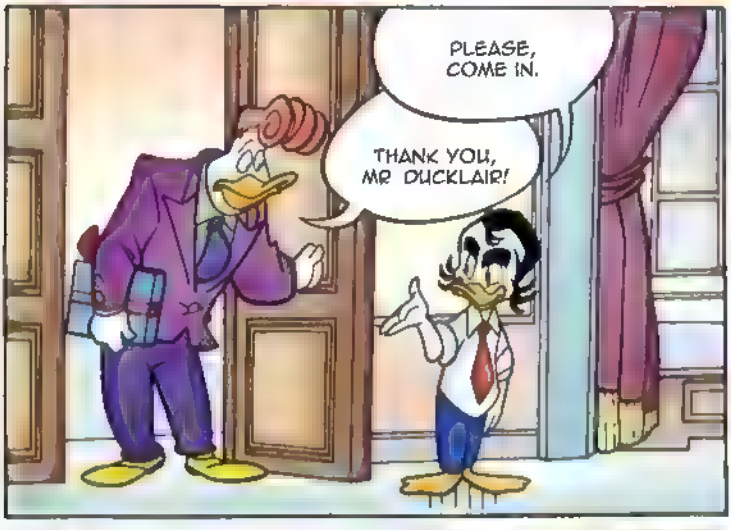
".. WHEN WE'RE SITTING AT THE TABLE."
EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND WINTER CLOTHES?
CERTAINLY. YOU NEED TO...
LYLA! GOOD TO SEE YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I CAME TO DO SOME SHOPPING...
.. BUT ABOVE ALL TO SAY GOODBYE!
YOU'RE LEAVING?
HOW DO I LOOK?
GREAT! BUT TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP.
YES, I'M GOING TO THE SOUTH POLE FOR WORK... OOOH! WHAT A FINE JACKET!

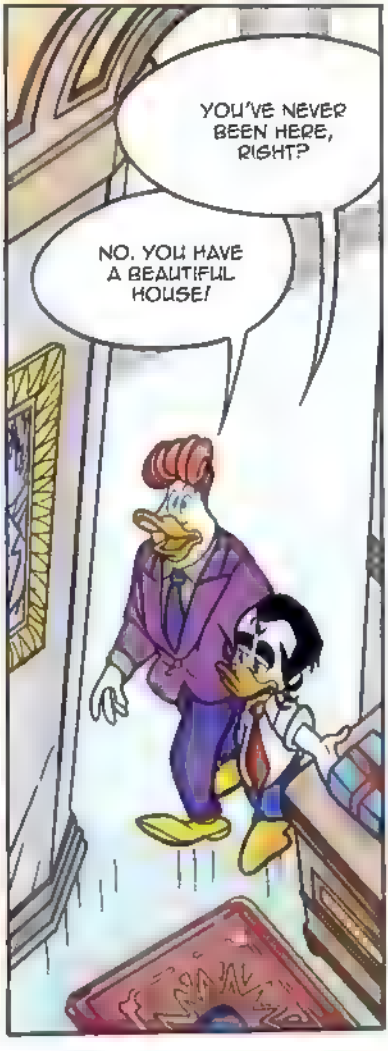

I DON'T KNOW MUCH YET, BUT IT SEEMS THAT DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES HAS INVITED US TO VISIT A LABORATORY IN THOSE PARTS.
US?
YES! I'M GOING WITH ANGUS!
I DON'T ENVY YOU! HOWEVER, IT'S STRANGE THAT EVERETT'S INVITING THE PRESS .. TO HIS HOME!
YEAH! THAT'S WHY I'M VOLUNTARILY GOING. AND THEN I'VE NEVER BEEN DOWN THERE.
IN A WHILE I'LL ALSO BE WALKING IN THE SNOW. HOPE I'LL BE IN SHAPE..
HEY! THOSE PANTS SEEM TAILOR-MADE FOR YOU!
THANK YOU, DONALD!
I'LL TAKE THREE PAIRS. THEN I HAVE TO BUY SWEATERS, BOOTS.. WILL YOU ACCOMPANY ME?
UNFORTUNATELY I CAN'T. INDEED, IT'S BETTER THAT I RETURN TO MONITORING!
PLEASE SEND ME A POSTCARD!
COUNT ON IT! SMACK!

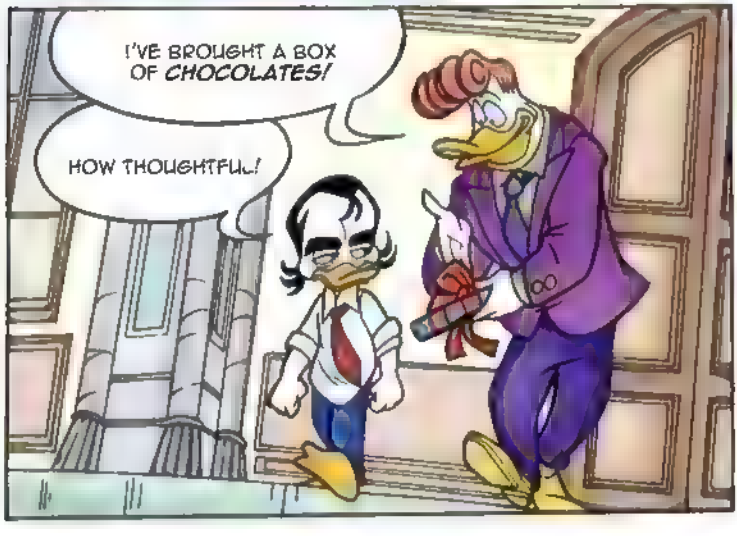


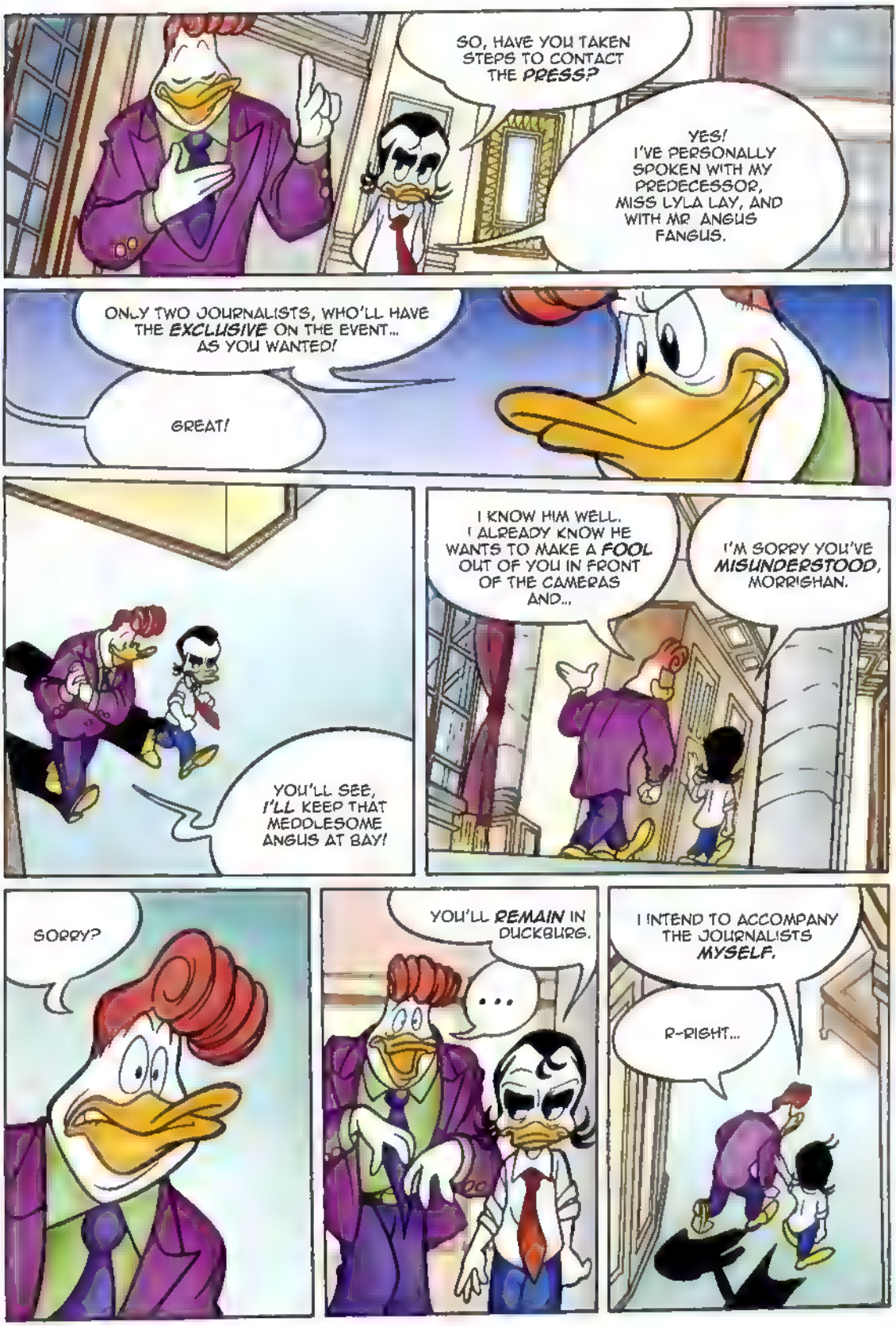
DUCKLAIR MANOR, SIX FORTY-FIVE PM.










SO, HAVE YOU TAKEN STEPS TO CONTACT THE PRESS?
YES! I'VE PERSONALLY SPOKEN WITH MY PREDECESSOR, MISS LYLA LAY, AND WITH MR ANGUS FANGUS.
ONLY TWO JOURNALISTS, WHO'LL HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE ON THE EVENT... AS YOU WANTED!
GREAT!
YOU'LL SEE, I'LL KEEP THAT MEDDLESOME ANGUS AT BAY!
I KNOW HIM WELL. I ALREADY KNOW HE WANTS TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOU IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS AND...
I'M SORRY YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD, MORRISHAN.
SORRY?
YOU'LL REMAIN IN DUCKBURG.
...
I INTEND TO ACCOMPANY THE JOURNALISTS MYSELF.
R-RIGHT...

I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE A *BRIGHT* KID!
THANK YOU..
I INTEND HOWEVER TO ENTRUST YOU A TASK OF *GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.* DURING MY ABSENCE, YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF MY DAUGHTER JUNIPER.
I'M HONORED...
PROVIDE HER WITH ANYTHING SHE NEEDS, BUT *NEVER* LET HER LEAVE DUCKLAIR MANOR. UNDERSTOOD?
CERTAINLY, SIR...
VERY GOOD. AND NOW WE MAKE INTRODUCTIONS JUNIPER?
YES, DAD?
THIS IS MR. MORRISHAN.
MUCH PLEASURE I'VE SEEN YOU *MANY* TIMES ON TELEVISION.
THE PLEASURE'S MINE!

IT'S SEVEN O'CLOCK. MAKE CONVERSATION IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL GO WELCOME BIRGIT AND ANYMORE
THEY'RE BOTH VERY PUNCTUAL.
THEY TOO WILL REMAIN IN DUCKBURG TO TAKE CARE OF MY AFFAIRS IN MY ABSENCE.
ONE LAST RECOMMENDATION: DON'T LET ME DOWN.
DON'T LET MY DAD UPSET YOU. HE'S JUST A LITTLE AUTHORITARIAN. HOWEVER...
EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT THE PURPOSE OF FLOWERS IS!
?

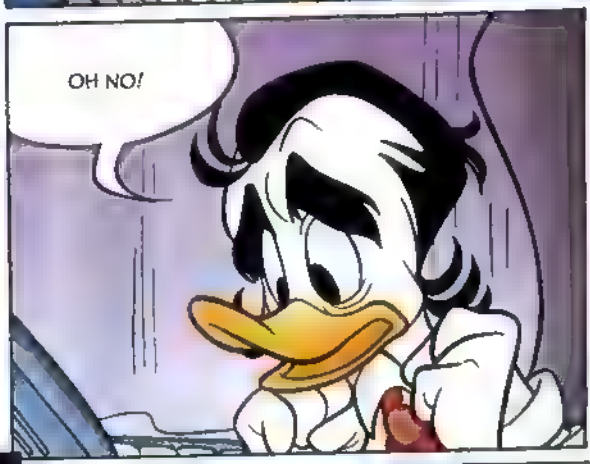
TWO DAYS LATER.
CORONA
GROAN!
WHAT IS IT, ANGUS?
IT'S THAT I SUFFER FROM SEASICKNESS!
A JOURNALIST OF YOUR CALIBER? IMPOSSIBLE!
FUNNY...
LOOK, BOSS... WHY DO I ALSO HAVE TO FILM?

MAYBE CHANNEL 00 DIDN'T HAVE THE BUDGET TO ALSO SEND A CAMERAMAN?
NO, IT WAS DUCKLAIR'S REQUEST IN THE BASE SPACE IS LIMITED.
A WARM CUP OF TEA, ANYONE?
NO THANKS!
I'LL HAVE ONE! AND POUR A LOT! MUST BE AT LEAST THIRTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO!
THIRTY-NINE, TO BE EXACT!
HOWEVER, I WONDER WHAT THE CATCH IS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, ACCORDING TO YOU, WHAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR WHY MISTER MONEYBAGS HAS INVITED US TO THIS OUTING?
YOU SEE ROTTEN EVERYWHERE, ANGUS!

THAT'S HOW I BECAME A MYTH, MY DEAR!
AND I'M NOT BAD EITHER WITH A CAMERA! I'M VERY VERSATILE!
BZZZ
HEY! WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE WANTS A LITTLE PRIVACY, THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING!
WRONG! HE'S OBSTRUCTING THE RIGHT TO REPORT!
YEAH! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, ARGALE?
BZZZ
WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL I EXAMINED THAT.. *THING* THAT FELL DOWN FROM THE SKY!

I *PROHIBITED* YOU FROM DOING IT!
I KNOW, BUT.. *LOOK* WHAT HAS HAPPENED!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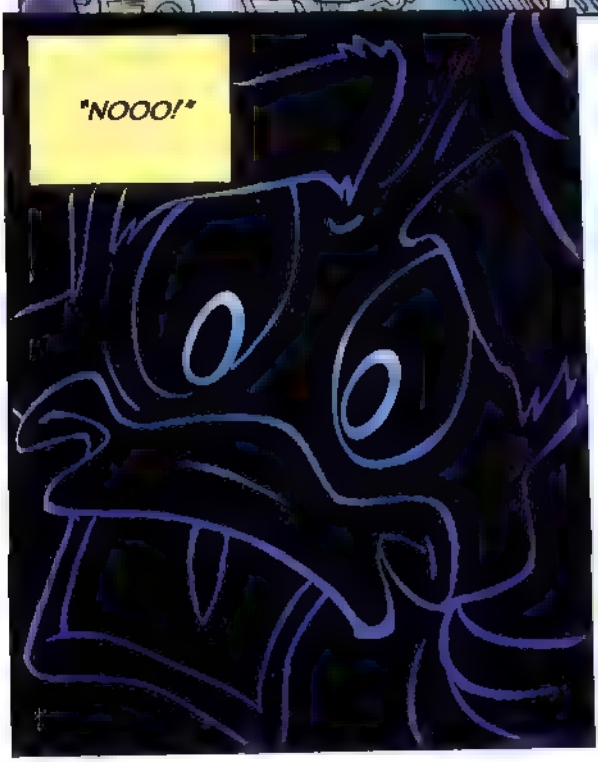

"NOOO!"

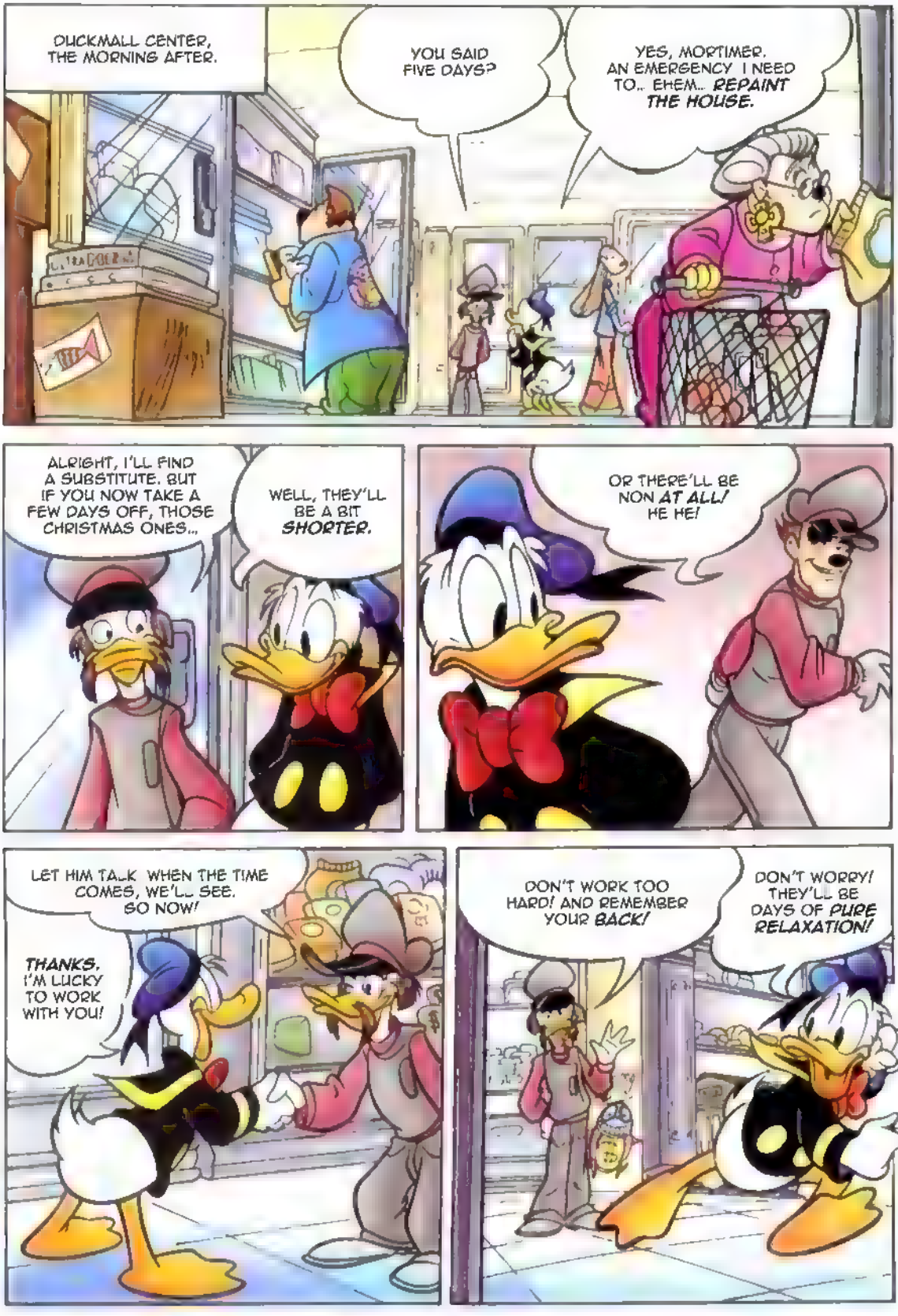
DAD!
CRASH
WHAT DID YOU SAY, JUNIPER?
N-NOTHING... I GUESS I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS.
I NEED TO TAKE A TRIP INTO TOWN TO RELAX!
DON'T ASK ME FOR WHAT YOU CAN'T DO! MR DUCKLAIR TOLD ME TO...
I WASN'T ASKING YOU. I'M ORDERING YOU!
HAVE NO FEAR. NEITHER MY FATHER, BIRGIT OR ANYMORE WILL NOTICE ANYTHING

SOMETIMES WE WANT A QUIET NIGHT LIKE THIS.
FROM UP HERE DUCKBURG IS BEAUTIFUL!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE LAIR OF LOONIES WHO.. HEY! NEVER MIND!
OKAY?

HA HA! YOU'RE REALLY A HOOT, MORRIGHAN!
I'D RATHER SAY YOU'RE A FOOL!
AVENGER! FINALLY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? CAN YOU HEAR ME, MORRIGHAN?
HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO YOU. ONLY I CAN TALK TO HIM!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? HE'S USUALLY A LITTLE MORE RESPONSIVE!
I ONLY... ASKED HIM TO HELP ME FIND YOU!
IF YOU KNEW HOW HAPPY I AM TO SEE YOU!
HEY! TAKE IT EASY!
SORRY. I... I'M WORRIED. I FEEL THAT MY FATHER IS IN DANGER!

OH REALLY? AND YOU THOUGHT TO CONTACT ME, ONE OF HIS BEST FRIENDS...
WELL, KNOW THAT YOUR DADDY CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF NOW I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO... UMPF!
WAIT! THE ENTIRE EXPEDITION IS IN DANGER!
LYLA!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TURN TO BIRSIT AND ANYMORE?
I DON'T TRUST THEM! PLEASE..
HMM... THE SOUTH POLE IS A BIT OUTSIDE MY JURISDICTION!
AND ABOVE ALL I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE, SEEING AS THE DUCKMOBILE IS DRY AND... WAIT A MINUTE!

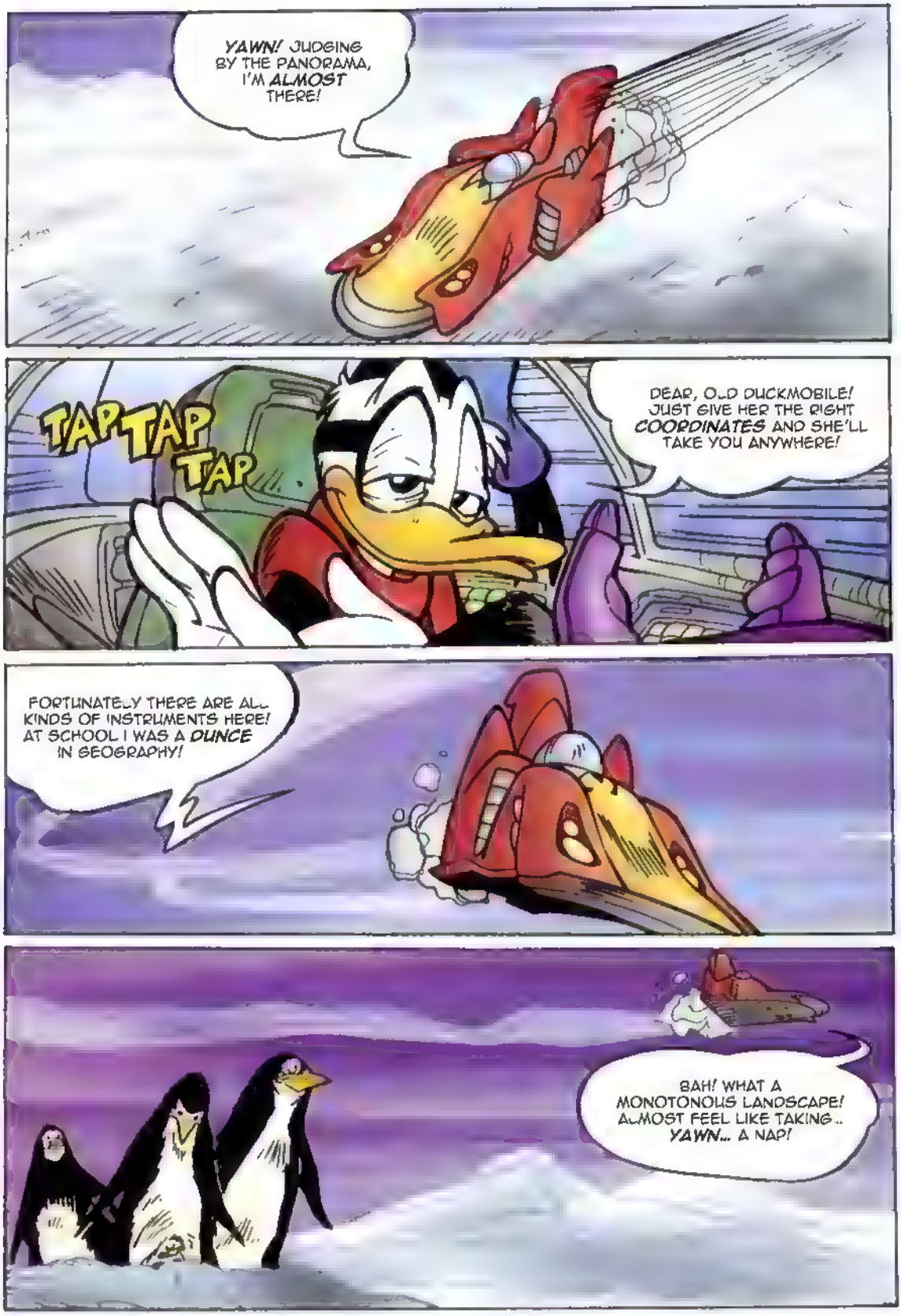
IT'S A DEAL, JUNIPER! BUT ON ONE CONDITION. BEFORE DEPARTING, I NEED FREE ACCESS TO DUCKLAIR UNIVERSE!
NO PROBLEM. YOUR PHONE, MORRIGHAN!
TELL THEM TO PREPARE MONOMETHYLHYDRAZINE IN QUANTITY. THEN PUT MORRIGHAN TO BED!
ANYTHING YOU WANT!
HURRAY! I'VE RESOLVED THE FUEL PROBLEM!
NOT BAD, JUNIPER... I'M STARTING TO LIKE YOU!


DUCKMALL CENTER, THE MORNING AFTER.
YOU SAID FIVE DAYS?
YES, MORTIMER. AN EMERGENCY. I NEED TO... EHEM... REPAINT THE HOUSE.
ALRIGHT, I'LL FIND A SUBSTITUTE. BUT IF YOU NOW TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF, THOSE CHRISTMAS ONES...
WELL, THEY'LL BE A BIT SHORTER.
OR THERE'LL BE NON AT ALL! HE HE!
LET HIM TALK. WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL SEE. SO NOW!
THANKS, I'M LUCKY TO WORK WITH YOU!
DON'T WORK TOO HARD! AND REMEMBER YOUR BACK!
DON'T WORRY! THEY'LL BE DAYS OF PURE RELAXATION!

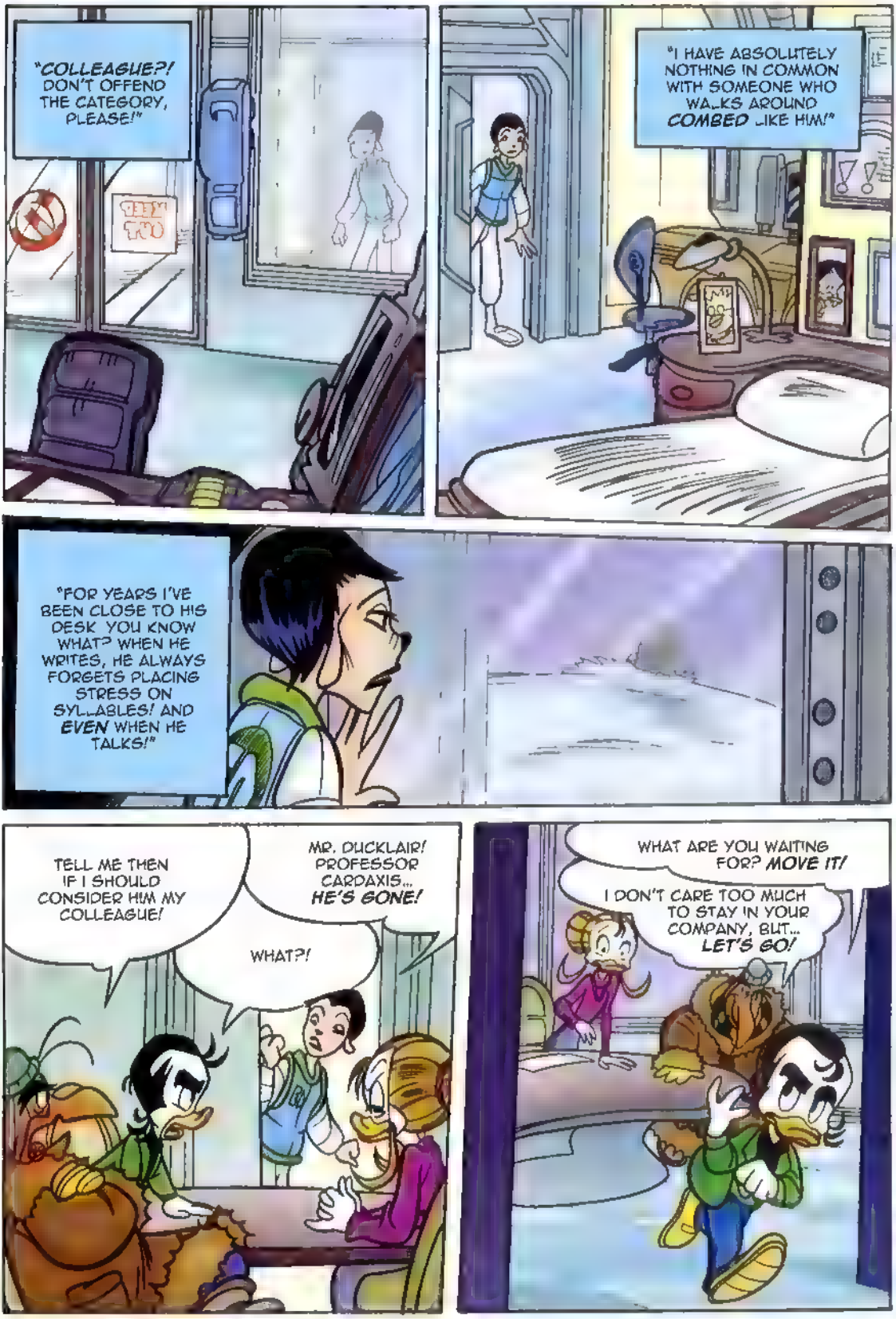
DUCKLAIR SOUTH POLE BASE.
WELCOME, SIR...
ARGALE IS IN THE LABORATORY, RIGHT?
GARY SINGH. SHE'S DOCTOR SUZI ANNECY.
PLEASURE, I'M LYLA LAY!
HI!
HEY! CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME HAND WITH THE BAGGAGE?
PEOPLE, I PRESENT TO YOU ANGUS FANGUS!

WE'LL GREET LATER. NOW SHOW ME THE CELLULAR UNITS!
OK! YOU'RE THE BOSS...
FSSSS
LOOK. THEY'RE INTELLIGENT, BUT INORGANIC AND HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY CAPACITY FOR ADAPTATION!
INCREDIBLE! THEY'VE ALREADY ASSUMED THE CHARACTERISTICS OF STERILE SOLUTION AND ARE INCREASING IN VOLUME!
IN THEORY, YES, BUT I'VE SYNTHETIZED A.. DILUENT CAPABLE OF INTERRUPTING THE PROCESS!
THUS, IF THEY GOT OUT OF THE BASE, THEY COULD TURN INTO ICE!
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS COULD BE?
PERHAPS A SECRET WEAPON OF THE ARMY...
NO, YOU'D KNOW! DUCKLAIR ENTERPRISES HAS WORKED FOR YEARS WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. HOWEVER, IT'S A TREAT FOR A SCHOLAR LIKE ME!
WAIT!
TLACK

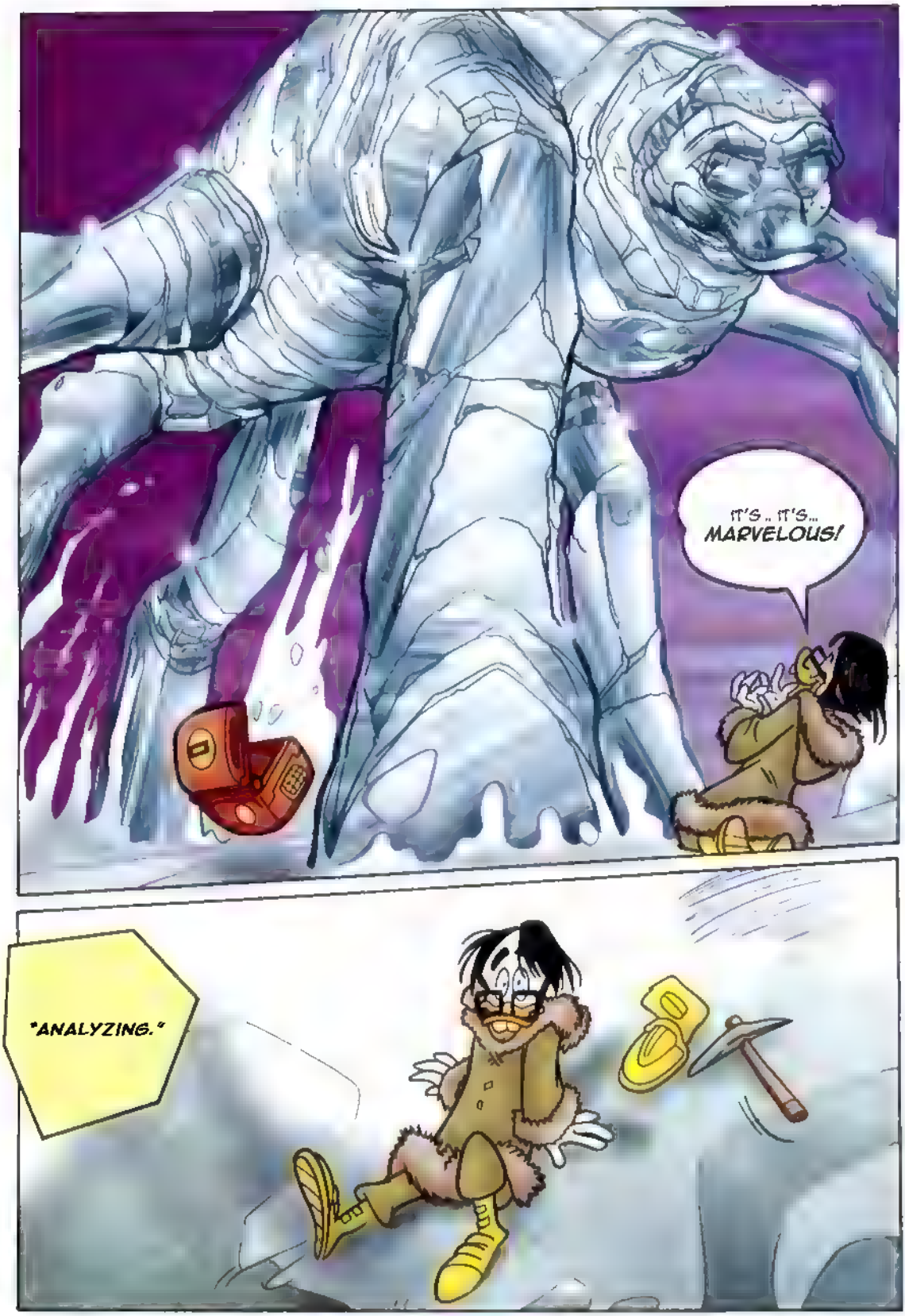
IT'S NOT YET TIME TO GET TO WORK, MR. FANGUS!
SORRY, CAN'T HEAR YOU! GYEH GYEH!
ZOOM
I ASKED FOR IT!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU. SEAL THE SAMPLES, THEN COME TO MEET THE GUESTS.
SURE...
FSSS
... I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!


YAWN! JUDGING BY THE PANORAMA, I'M ALMOST THERE!
TAP TAP TAP
DEAR, OLD DUCKMOBILE! JUST GIVE HER THE RIGHT COORDINATES AND SHE'LL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!
FORTUNATELY THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF INSTRUMENTS HERE! AT SCHOOL I WAS A DUNCE IN GEOGRAPHY!
BAH! WHAT A MONOTONOUS LANDSCAPE! ALMOST FEEL LIKE TAKING.. YAWN... A NAP!

LET'S RECAP! YOU'RE GONE AS SOON AS WE ARRIVE! THEN I'M ORDERED TO NOT FILM THE INTERIOR OF THE LABORATORY...
... AND FOR HALF AN HOUR WE TWIDDLE THUMBS WAITING FOR A BRAINBOX WHO'S TAKING IT EASY! DON'T YOU SEEM TO BE EXAGGERATING WITH THE HOSPITALITY?
WHILE WAITING, HAVE A LOOK AT THE PRESS KITS THE GREAT MORRISHAN HAS PREPARED FOR YOU!
MORRISHAN? THAT INCOMPETENT GUY?
DON'T DENIGRATE YOUR COLLEAGUES, ANGUS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DOCTOR ANNECY, SO GET PROFESSOR CARDAXIS TO HURRY UP!
RIGHT AWAY!


"COLLEAGUE?! DON'T OFFEND THE CATEGORY, PLEASE!"
"I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN COMMON WITH SOMEONE WHO WALKS AROUND COMBED LIKE HIM!"
"FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN CLOSE TO HIS DESK. YOU KNOW WHAT? WHEN HE WRITES, HE ALWAYS FORGETS PLACING STRESS ON SYLLABLES! AND EVEN WHEN HE TALKS!"
TELL ME THEN IF I SHOULD CONSIDER HIM MY COLLEAGUE!
MR. DUCKLAIR! PROFESSOR CARDAXIS... HE'S GONE!
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? MOVE IT!
I DON'T CARE TOO MUCH TO STAY IN YOUR COMPANY, BUT... LET'S GO!

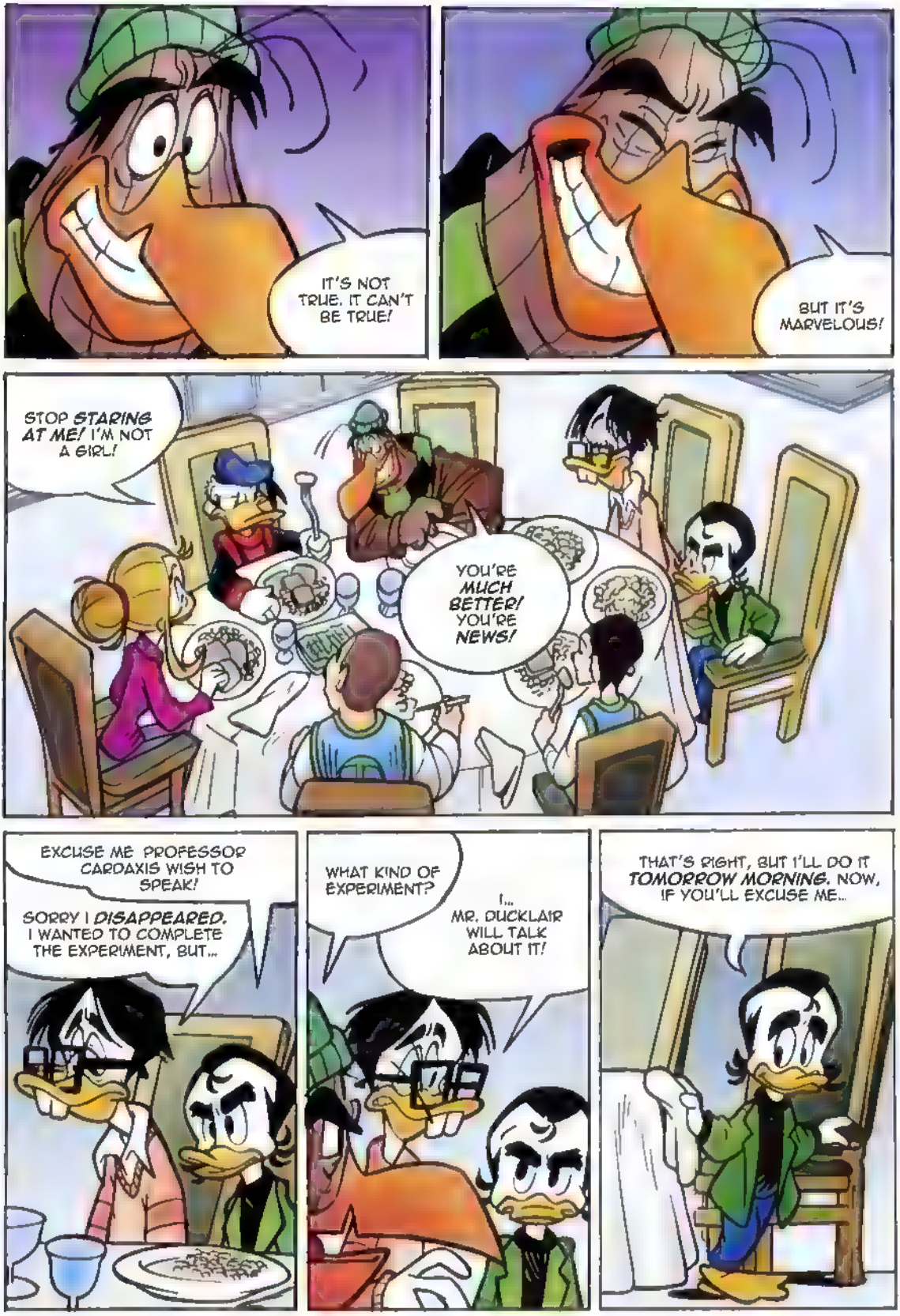
"VERIFYING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS."
EVERETT HAS TOO MANY SCRUPLES. THIS SUBSTANCE HAS POTENTIAL THAT MUST BE STUDIED THOROUGHLY.
AND NOW LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU CAN GROW!
WOOM
NO! THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME!
"ACTIVATING SELF-EXPANSION PROCEDURE."
NOBODY IN SIGHT! BUT THEN WHAT...
.. IS ..
.. THIS...
.. NOISE?

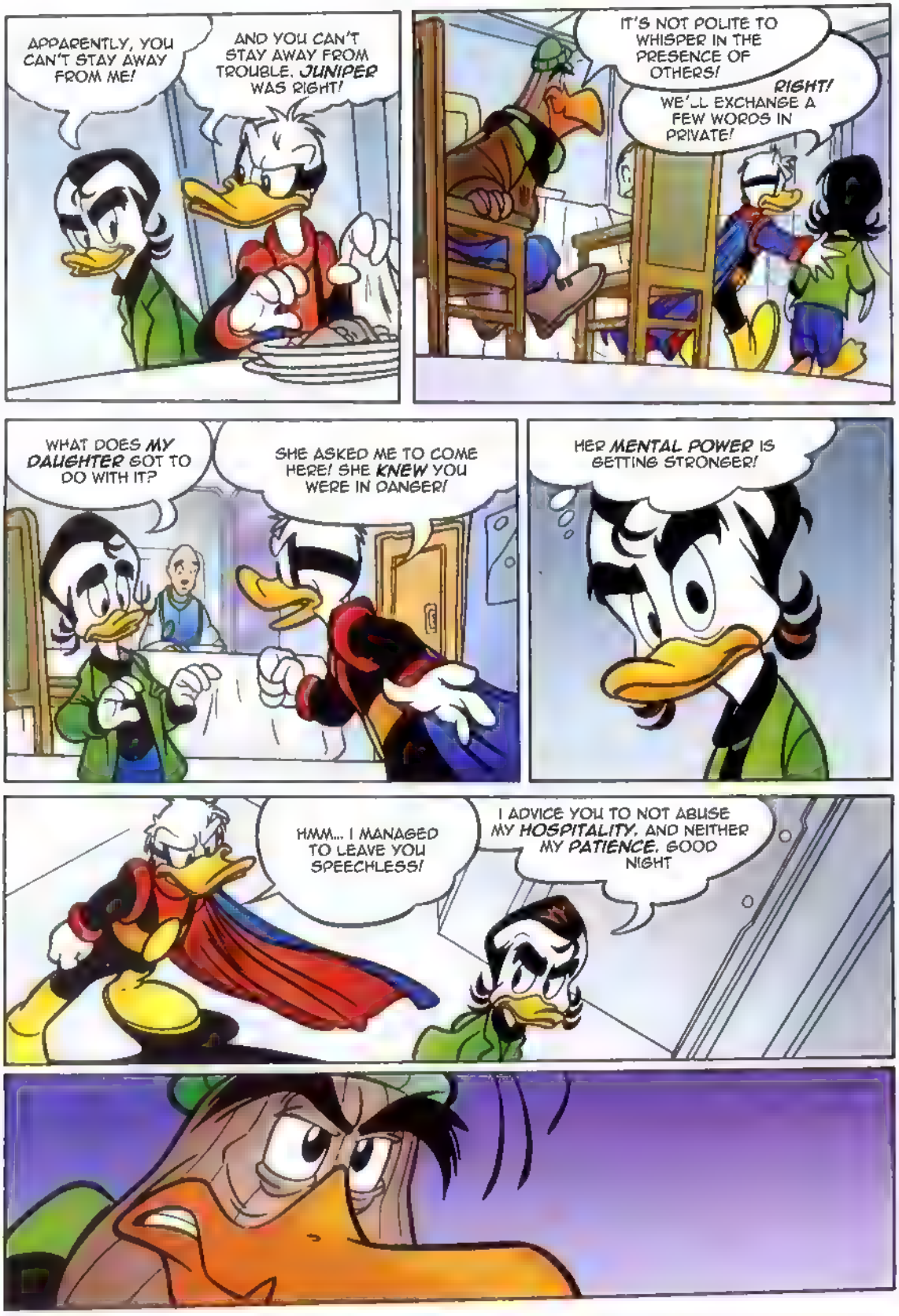

IT'S .. IT'S...
MARVELOUS!
"ANALYZING."

"INITIATING DATA TRANSMISSI..."
CRASH
NOOOOO!

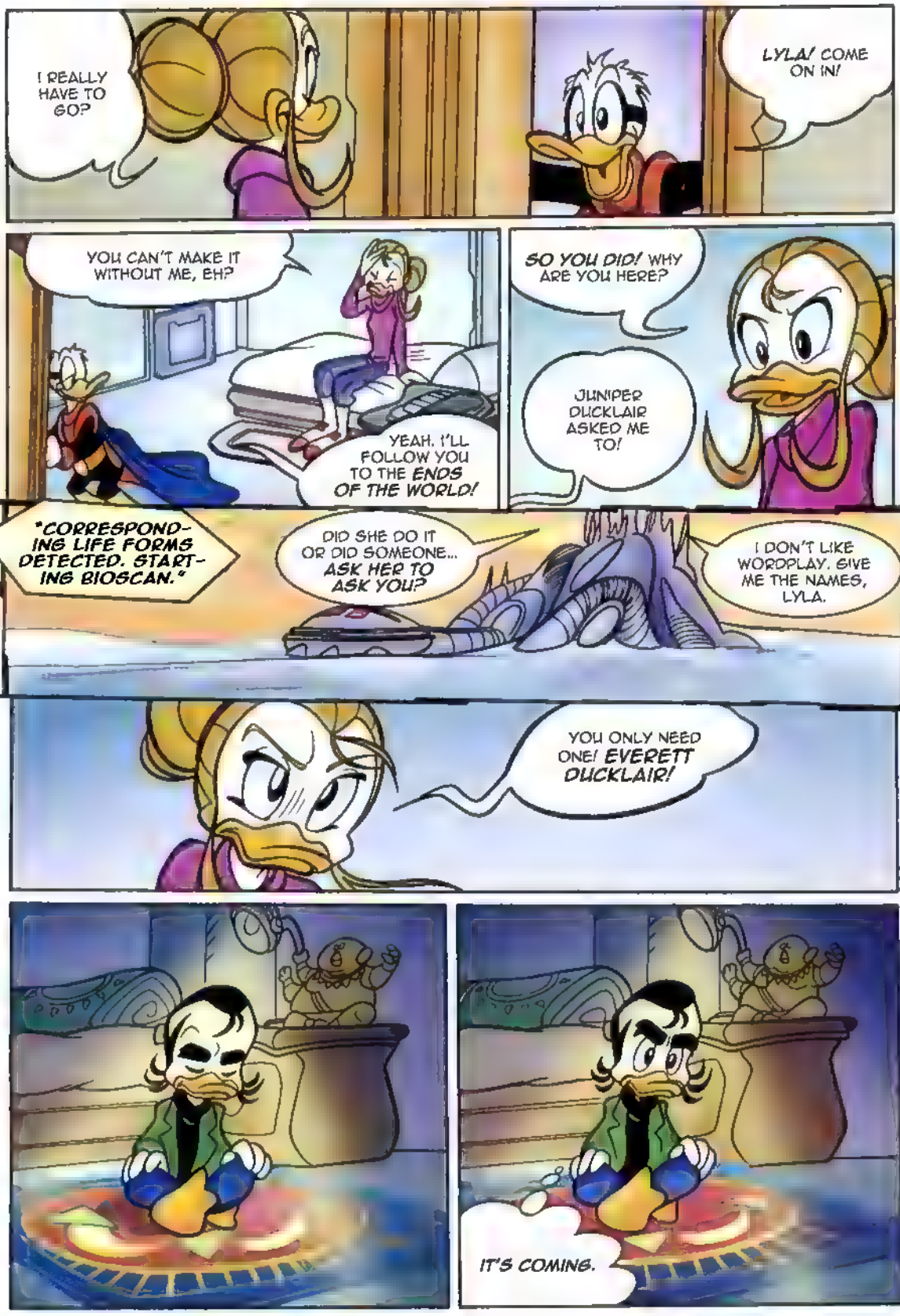
HEEEEELP!
SBRANG
THERE HE IS!
HE'S BETTER THAN HE LOOKS. HIS VITAL PARAMETERS ARE NORMAL!
HE MADE IT, THEN!
YES, BUT HE'S LIKELY TO FREEZE!

I WASN'T REFERRING TO HIS STATE OF HEALTH, BUT THE *DAMAGE* HE MANAGED TO CAUSE!
STOP TALKING! DO SOMETHING INSTEAD! I WANT A LITTLE *ACTION* ON FILM!
HEY! DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'S A *BODY SHOP* IN THESE PARTS?
SHORTLY AFTER...
THEY DON'T MAKE THESE FLYING CARS AS *SOLID* LIKE BEFORE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, DON'T WORRY!


IT'S NOT TRUE. IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
BUT IT'S MARVELOUS!
STOP STARING AT ME! I'M NOT A GIRL!
YOU'RE MUCH BETTER! YOU'RE NEWS!
EXCUSE ME PROFESSOR CARDAXIS WISH TO SPEAK!
SORRY I DISAPPEARED. I WANTED TO COMPLETE THE EXPERIMENT, BUT...
WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?
I... MR. DUCKLAIR WILL TALK ABOUT IT!
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT I'LL DO IT TOMORROW MORNING. NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...


APPARENTLY, YOU CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM ME!
AND YOU CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM TROUBLE. JUNIPER WAS RIGHT!
IT'S NOT POLITE TO WHISPER IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS!
RIGHT! WE'LL EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS IN PRIVATE!
WHAT DOES MY DAUGHTER GOT TO DO WITH IT?
SHE ASKED ME TO COME HERE! SHE KNEW YOU WERE IN DANGER!
HER MENTAL POWER IS GETTING STRONGER!
HMM... I MANAGED TO LEAVE YOU SPEECHLESS!
I ADVICE YOU TO NOT ABUSE MY HOSPITALITY, AND NEITHER MY PATIENCE. GOOD NIGHT

WHAT DO YOU DO HERE AT NIGHT?
YOU WANT TO GO OUT? GO AHEAD, BUT YOU SHOULD COVER YOURSELF WELL!
YOU COULD READ THE PRESS KIT, HOWEVER!
NO THANKS. I DON'T NEED A SLEEPING PILL!
I'LL RETIRE TOO. SEE YOU TOMORROW
ALRIGHT!
WONDER WHAT THOSE TWO WERE TALKING ABOUT?
HEY, SUPERDUCK!
SORRY, JOURNALIST! NO INTERVIEWS TONIGHT!
TOC TOC
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND! GET LOST!
TOC TOC TOC
I TOLD YOU TO NOT PERSIST!


I REALLY HAVE TO GO?
LYLA! COME ON IN!
YOU CAN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT ME, EH?
YEAH. I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD!
SO YOU DID! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
JUNIPER DUCKLAIR ASKED ME TO!
"CORRESPONDING LIFE FORMS DETECTED. STARTING BIOSCAN."
DID SHE DO IT OR DID SOMEONE... ASK HER TO ASK YOU?
I DON'T LIKE WORDPLAY. GIVE ME THE NAMES, LYLA.
YOU ONLY NEED ONE! EVERETT DUCKLAIR!
IT'S COMING.

YOU THINK HE WANTED TO DRAW ME HERE USING HIS DAUGHTER? WOULD BE IGNOBLE, BUT EXPECTABLE FROM HIM. BUT .. WHY DID HE DO IT?
BRIIIP
HUH?
HELLO?
ALRIGHT.
GUESS WHO IT WAS...

?
GRRR! WHERE DID THE SOLVENT GO? IT WAS THE ONLY VIAL I HAD SYNTHETIZED AND WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF ..
YOU PERKED UP RATHER QUICKLY, PROFESSOR!
M-MR FANGUS .. !..
AND IF MY NOSE DOESN'T DECEIVE ME, YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO FOR A WALK, RIGHT?
YEAH. WHY DON'T YOU COME TOO? YOU'D FIND IT VERY INFORMATIVE. ESPECIALLY ON ACCOUNT OF EVERETT DUCKLAIR!
HMM... I'VE ALWAYS LIKED WALKING!
WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
TO PLUNGE INTO BIG TROUBLE, WITHOUT THIS!

MOVE IT, PROFESSOR!
I'LL CATCH UP! YOU PROCEED IN THAT DIRECTION!
BAH! SCIENTISTS! FIRST THEY MAKE YOU HURRY UP AND THEN..
MR. FANGUS!
TALKING TO ME?
WELL, IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S NOBODY ELSE AROUND!
WHERE'S PROFESSOR CARDAXIS?
I... DON'T KNOW! HAVE YOU TRIED LOOKING IN THE LABORATORY?
NOW!

GIVE ME WHAT BELONGS TO ME, EVERETT!
HEY!
SOCK
GRANDIOSE! NOW THIS IS A SCOOP!
SMILE, DUCK AVENGER!
STOP IT, CLOWN IN JOURNALIST'S CLOTHING!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, EVERETT?
-IT'S NOT POSSIBLE THAT HE MANAGED TO SURPRISE ME LIKE THAT..
YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FAITH IN YOURSELF! LOOK OVER THERE! GYEH GYEH!
BOOM
"OBJECTIVE IDENTIFIED. STARTING IMMOBILIZATION PROCEDURE."

I NEED TO SECURE THE CELLULAR UNITS. THEY'RE TOO PRECIOUS!
LAB
WE HEARD SHOUTING, PROFESSOR! WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOTHING THAT CONCERNS YOU.
FSSS
NOTHING...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET IN"?
CARDAXIS MUST HAVE CHANGED THE ACCESS CODE!
ALRIGHT. THEN WE'LL DO IT MY WAY!
B-WOAM
FOLLOW ME!
THAT THING WOULD BE VERY USEFUL DURING CHANNEL OO'S EDITORIAL MEETINGS!
YEAH! MAYBE IT WOULD BE ABLE TO SHUT YOU UP, SOMETIMES!

THE BASE IS SMALL. WE'LL FIND ARGALE IN A FEW MINUTES!
DON'T STRESS YOURSELF, EVERETT! I'M HERE!
SUZI! GARY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
THEY WERE A LITTLE TOO CURIOUS. I PUT THEM TO SLEEP.
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS LOADED WITH, BUT GUESS WHAT'S INSIDE HERE!
THE CELLULAR UNITS...
EXACTLY! YOU KNOW WELL HOW DANGEROUS THEY ARE. IF YOU WANT TO AVOID GREAT DAMAGE TO THE PLANET, LET ME EXIT THE BASE ON MY LEGS.
WHY, ARGALE?
YOU KNOW, EVERETT.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SOMETHING YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND!
"EXECUTE."
RRRUMBLE

SBRAAANG
CRUNCH
RUN! RUN AWAY! IT WANTS ME!
TYPICAL MEGALOMANIAC! WHATEVER IT IS, IT WANTS ALL OF US AND IT'S NOT GOING TO TICKLE US!

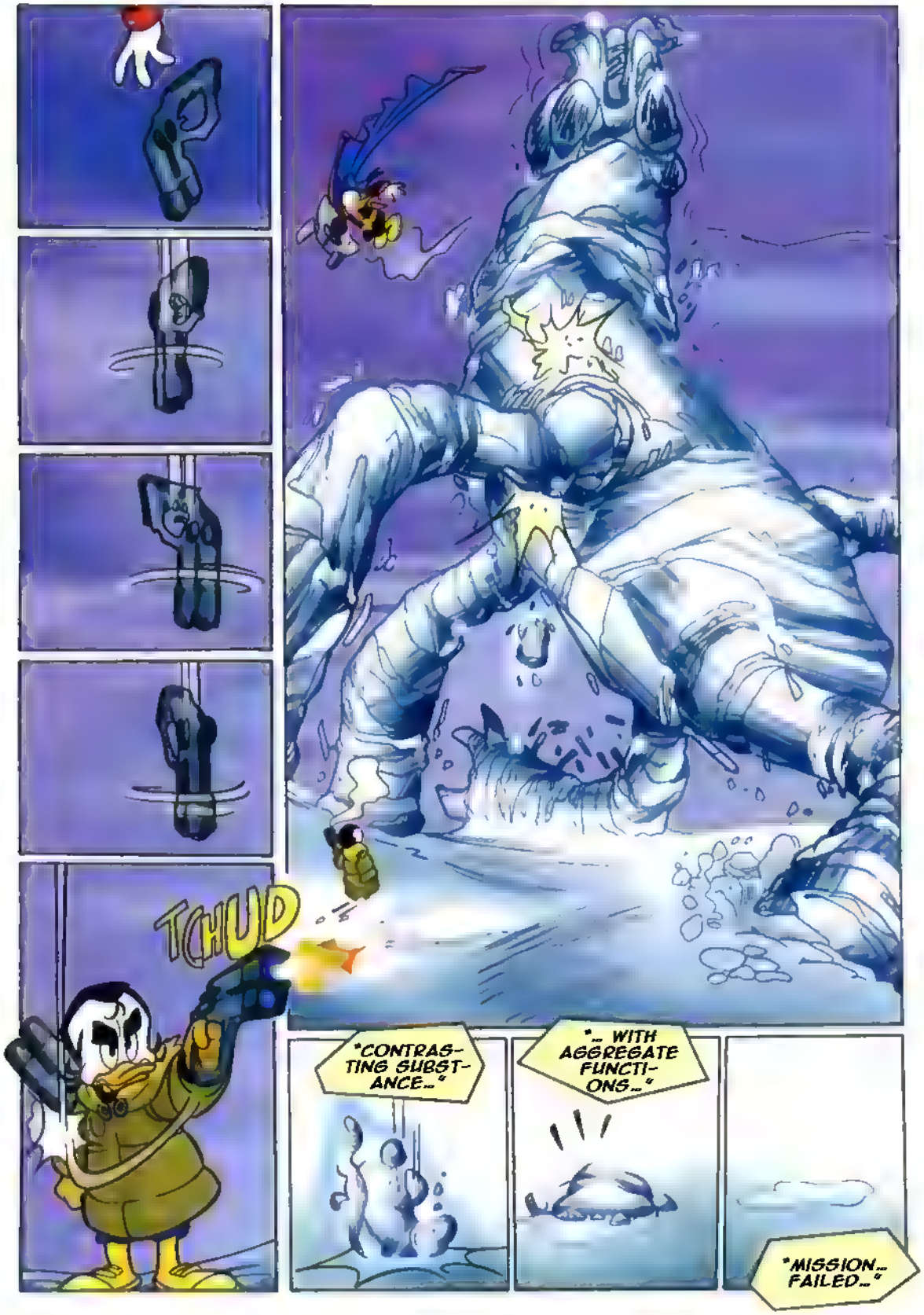
GET DOWN!
OOOF!
CRAC
GET THEM TO SAFETY! I HAVE TO FIND ARGALE!
AVENGER..
YOU SAVED MY LIFE. THANK YOU.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SBROAR
W-WITH PLEASURE!

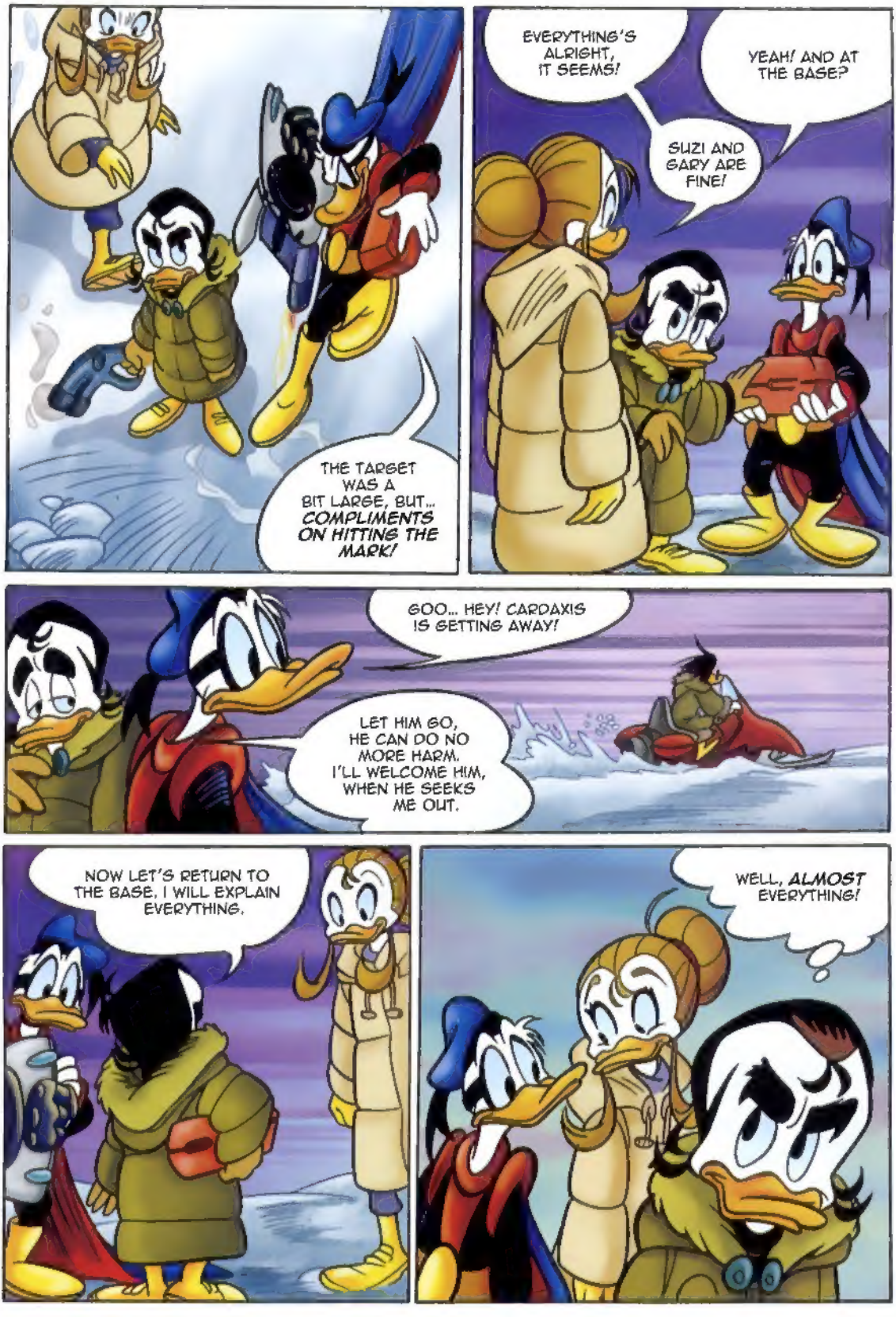
TUMP
GRASH
GREAT WORK, ARGALE! AS ALWAYS.
YOU'RE A GENIUS. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SOONER OR LATER YOU WOULD *UNDERSTAND*...
... BUT I WANT YOU ON MY SIDE! THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU COULD ACC-OMPLISH!
I CAN *READ* YOUR MIND! IT WAS ONCE PURE..
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO RUMMAGE IN MY BRAIN!
YAAARGH!
YOU CAN'T HIT ME. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT TOO.
SWIS

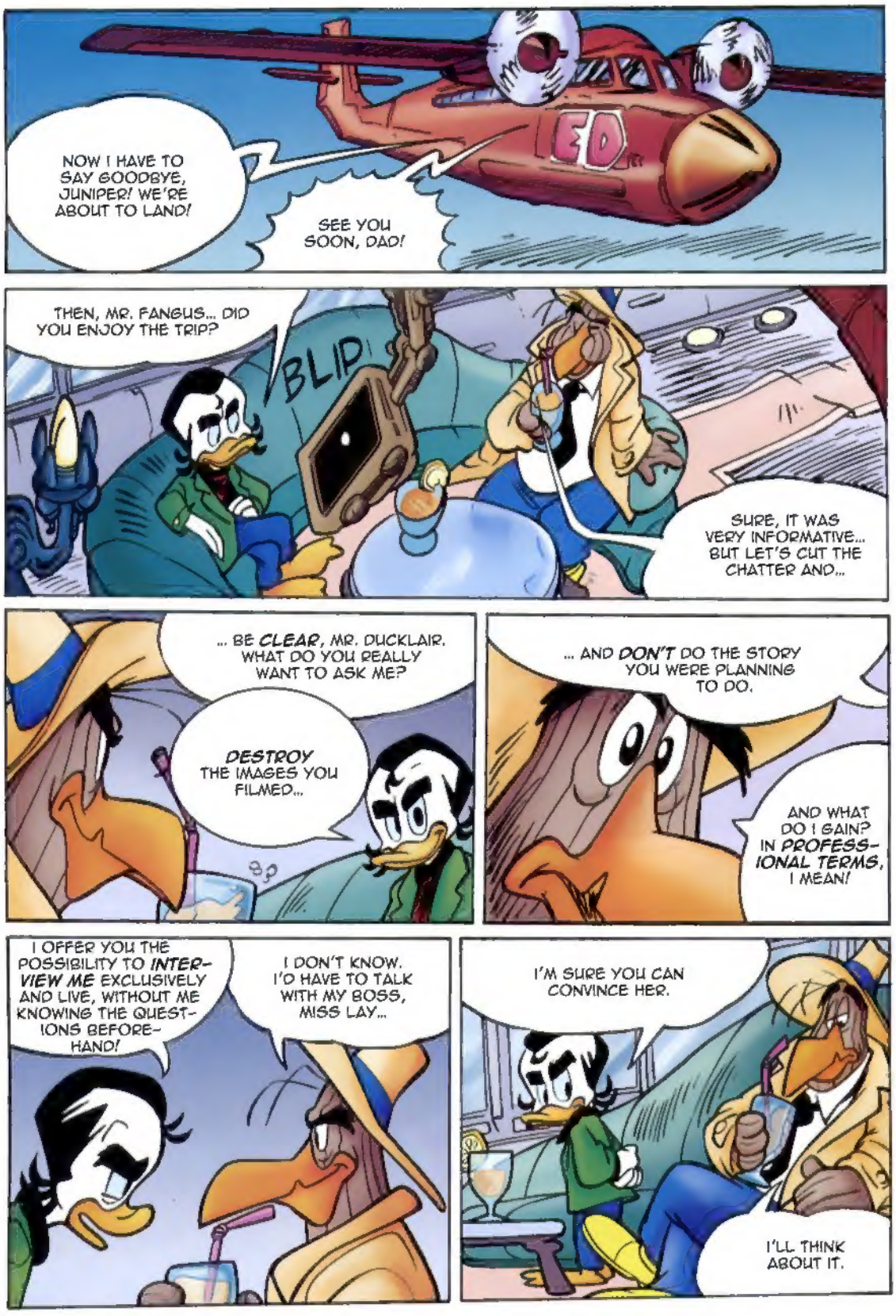
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT I'M INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO INTUIT THAT A *DISTRACTION* CAN BE FATAL!
SKRANG
SMASH
BZAAAZ
YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO *HASTY*, PROFESSOR!
RUN, EVERETT! THE *FORCE FIELD* WON'T LAST LONG!
HAVE FUN! *HA HA!*
STOP! STOOOP!
ZOOM
HEY! YOU ALMOST RAN ME DOWN!

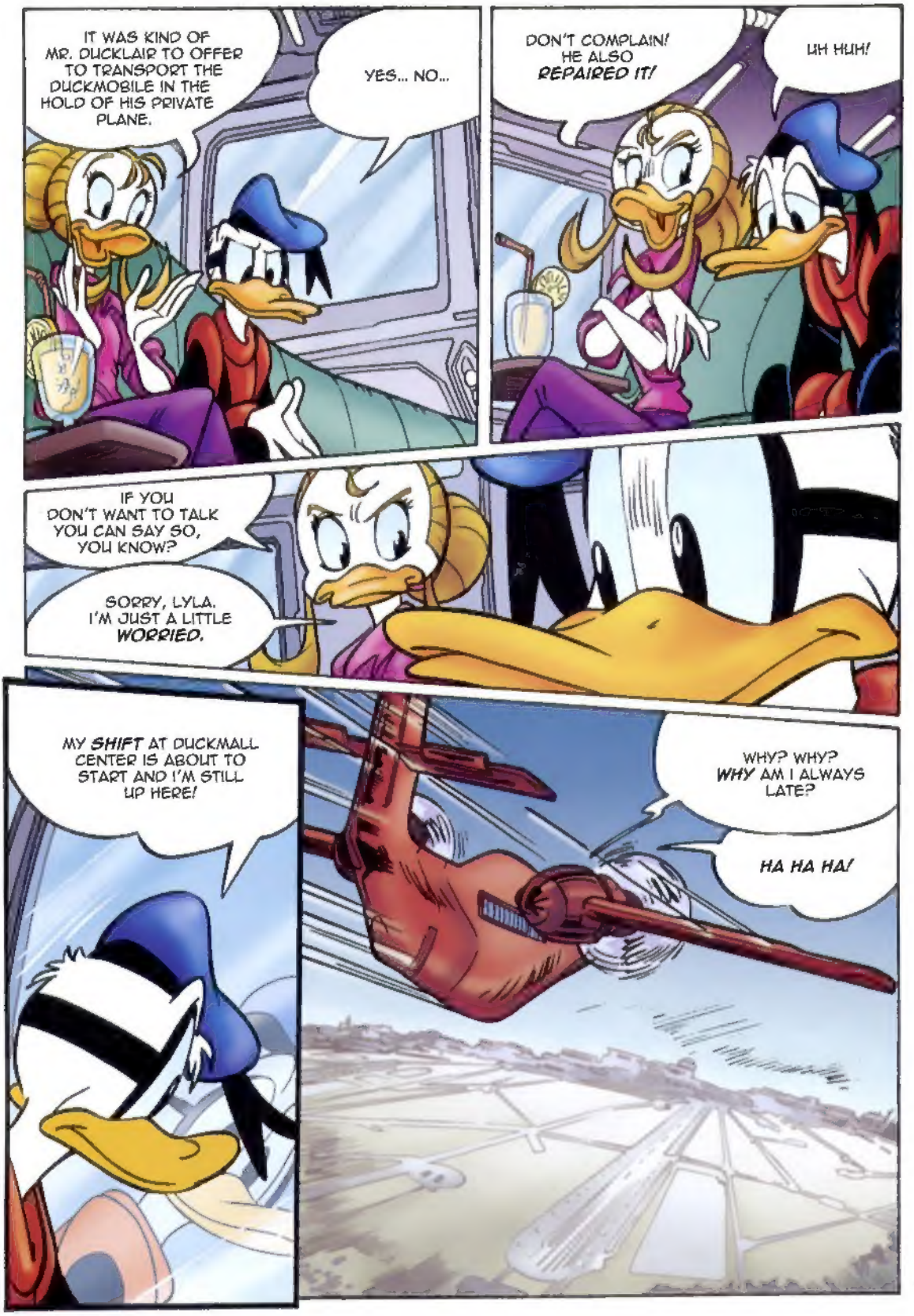
AND YOU ALMOST ROASTED ME!
AND YOU... GASP! BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT!
GO TO SUZI AND GARY, I PUT THEM TO SAFETY!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A NANNY?!
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT, ANGUS?
WHY NOT? I'VE RISKED MY LIFE THREE TIMES IN THREE SECONDS! I'VE BEATEN MY RECORD!
DON'T ARGUE! GO!
HEY! BUT... HOW CAN YOU RUN THAT FAST?

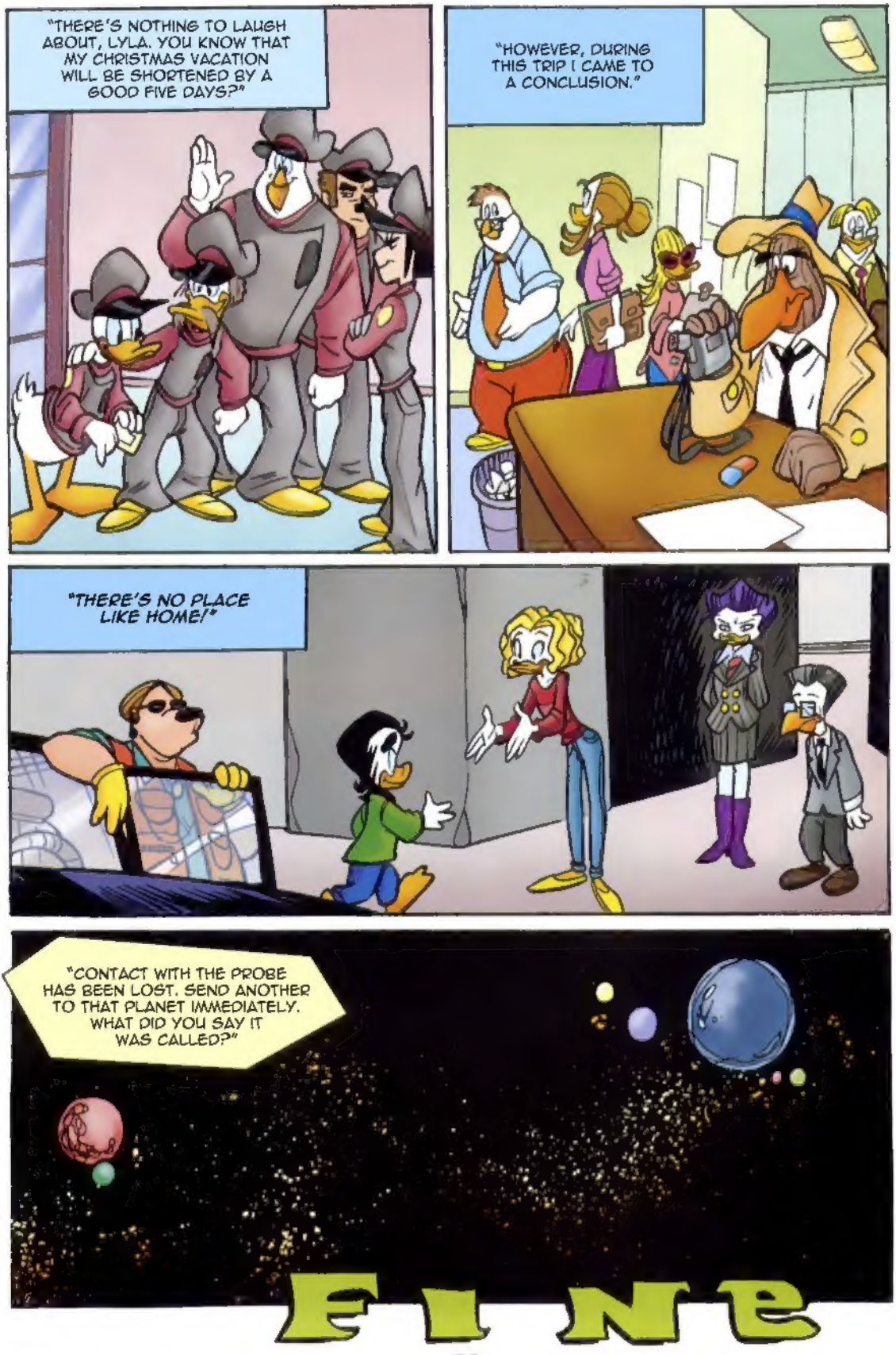
I HOPE THE SNOW-MOBILE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR *TWO PASSENGERS!*
YOU WON'T STAY *ONBOARD* VERY LONG!
ZWIIN
WRONG! *SOMETHING ELSE* WON'T STAY ONBOARD!
NOOOOO!
SAVED! OUCH!
EHEM... HI!
THE GUN, AVENGER! THROW IT TO ME!


TCHUD
"CONTRAS-TING SUBST-ANCE..."
"... WITH AGGREGATE FUNCTI-ONS..."
"MISSION... FAILED..."


THE TARGET WAS A BIT LARGE, BUT... COMPLIMENTS ON HITTING THE MARK!
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT, IT SEEMS!
YEAH! AND AT THE BASE?
SUZI AND GARY ARE FINE!
GOO... HEY! CARDAXIS IS GETTING AWAY!
LET HIM GO, HE CAN DO NO MORE HARM. I'LL WELCOME HIM, WHEN HE SEEKS ME OUT.
NOW LET'S RETURN TO THE BASE, I WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.
WELL, ALMOST EVERYTHING!


NOW I HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE, JUNIPER! WE'RE ABOUT TO LAND!
SEE YOU SOON, DAD!
THEN, MR. FANGUS... DID YOU ENJOY THE TRIP?
BLIP
SURE, IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE... BUT LET'S CUT THE CHATTER AND...
... BE CLEAR, MR. DUCKLAIR. WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ASK ME?
DESTROY THE IMAGES YOU FILMED...
... AND DON'T DO THE STORY YOU WERE PLANNING TO DO.
AND WHAT DO I GAIN? IN PROFESS-IONAL TERMS, I MEAN!
I OFFER YOU THE POSSIBILITY TO INTER-VIEW ME EXCLUSIVELY AND LIVE, WITHOUT ME KNOWING THE QUEST-IONS BEFORE-HAND!
I DON'T KNOW. I'D HAVE TO TALK WITH MY BOSS, MISS LAY...
I'M SURE YOU CAN CONVINCE HER.
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.


IT WAS KIND OF MR. DUCKLAIR TO OFFER TO TRANSPORT THE DUCKMOBILE IN THE HOLD OF HIS PRIVATE PLANE.
YES... NO...
DON'T COMPLAIN! HE ALSO *REPAIRED IT!*
UH HUH!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK YOU CAN SAY SO, YOU KNOW?
SORRY, LYLA. I'M JUST A LITTLE *WORRIED.*
MY *SHIFT* AT DUCKMALL CENTER IS ABOUT TO START AND I'M STILL UP HERE!
WHY? WHY? *WHY* AM I ALWAYS LATE?
HA HA HA!


"THERE'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT, LYLA. YOU KNOW THAT MY CHRISTMAS VACATION WILL BE SHORTENED BY A GOOD FIVE DAYS?"
"HOWEVER, DURING THIS TRIP I CAME TO A CONCLUSION."
"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!"
"CONTACT WITH THE PROBE HAS BEEN LOST. SEND ANOTHER TO THAT PLANET IMMEDIATELY. WHAT DID YOU SAY IT WAS CALLED?"
FINE